



February 6, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the Central Valley Coalition for Energy and Jobs, we thank you for your leadership and expressed commitment to the economic health of the Central Valley. Your pledge to good paying jobs, a strong community and the well-being of Valley residents has not gone unnoticed.

The Central Valley boasts abundant natural and human resources. These resources are not only essential to the Central Valley, they are essential to California and its 40 million residents.

The oil and natural gas industry and its workforce has been inextricably linked to the vitality and prosperity of the Central Valley for more than a century: supporting tens of thousands of good paying jobs; contributing more than a billion dollars of tax revenues for critical community services of which \$300 million supports first responders and schools; providing an affordable and reliable energy supply; and developing a diverse and inclusive workforce.

We also recognize the importance of attracting capital to the Central Valley to sustain the safety, quality and reliability of existing energy infrastructure as we encourage diversification of our energy supply.

We understand the state's goal of broadening our energy mix to a greener economy. As this process occurs, we ask that you fully understand the implications on jobs and the people here in the Valley and take the steps necessary to protect them.

Harming the oil and natural gas industry and its workforce harms our Valley, and the way of life of every Valley resident.

We depend on the oil and natural gas industry and its workforce to help fund our schools, public safety, community centers, youth recreational facilities, healthcare and more.

Local production ensures we keep energy costs lower for working families, including those who are living paycheck to paycheck. Lower energy costs contribute significantly to an affordable Valley lifestyle.

Here in the Central Valley we respect and honor what a good paying job with benefits can do for families and our community.

We urge you to protect our way of life in the Central Valley, and that means protecting an industry and workforce that does so much to lift up our community and create opportunities so that we can continue to pursue the California dream.

Thank you.

KERN COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS/ELECTED OFFICIALS

Adventist Health Bakersfield*	Mike Maggard Supervisor, Kern County
Bakersfield College*	
Bakersfield Homeless Center *	Zack Scrivner, Chair Supervisor, Kern County
Boys and Girls Clubs of Kern County*	Cynthia Zimmer Kern County District Attorney
CASA of Kern County*	
Central Valley Business Federation	Donny Youngblood Sheriff, Kern County
Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce*	Jon Lifquist Assessor-Recorder, Kern County
Kern Citizens for Energy	Mark Franetovich Councilmember, City of Arvin
Kern Citizens for Sustainable Government	Karen Goh Mayor, City of Bakersfield
Kern County Firefighters, Local 1301*	Andrae Gonzales Councilmember, City of Bakersfield
Kern County Hispanic Chamber*	Bob Smith Councilmember, City of Bakersfield
Kern Economic Development Corporation*	Bruce Freeman Councilmember, City of Bakersfield
Kern Law Enforcement Association*	Jacque Sullivan Councilmember, City of Bakersfield
Kern Taxpayers Association*	Ken Weir Councilmember, City of Bakersfield
Lavers Ranch*	Willie Rivera Councilmember, City of Bakersfield
Taft College Foundation*	Liz Morris Councilmember, City of Delano
Leticia Perez Chair, Kern County	
David Couch Supervisor, Kern County	
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Manuel Cantu
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Gilbert Alvarado
Mayor, City of Shafter

Cathy Prout
Councilmember, City of Shafter

Cesar Lopez
Councilmember, City of Shafter

Dave Noerr
Mayor, City of Taft

Ed Whiting
Councilmember, City of Taft

Josh Bryant
Councilmember, City of Taft

Tilo Cortez
Mayor, City of Wasco

Danny Espitia
Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Wasco

Alex Garcia
Councilmember, City of Wasco

Gilbert Reyna
Councilmember, City of Wasco

John Pallares
Councilmember, City of Wasco

Romeo Agbalog
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Jan Graves
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Trustee, Kern High School District

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Trustee, Panama Buena Vista School District

Tammy Criswell
Richland School District

Leigh Ann Cook
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FRESNO COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS/ ELECTED OFFICIALS

Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation

Fresno Chamber of Commerce

Fresno County Deputy Sheriffs Association

Fresno County Farm Bureau

Fresno Metro Black Chamber of Commerce

Buddy Mendes
Chair, Fresno County

Brian Pacheco
Supervisor, Fresno County

Nathan Magsig
Supervisor, Fresno County

Sal Quintero
Supervisor, Fresno County

Steve Brandau
Supervisor, Fresno County

Drew Bessinger
Mayor, City of Clovis

Jose Flores
Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Clovis

Vong Mouanoutoua
Councilmember, City of Clovis

Coalinga Chamber of Commerce

Ron Lander
Mayor, City of Coalinga

Ron Ramsey
Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Coalinga

Adam Adkisson
Councilmember, City of Coalinga

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Councilmember, City of Coalinga

Tanya Stolz
Councilmember, City of Coalinga

Francisco Chavez
Boardmember, Coalinga-Huron Unified School District

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Mayor, City of Fowler

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Councilmember, City of Fresno

Luis Chavez
Councilmember, City of Fresno

Michael Karbassi
Councilmember, City of Fresno

Paul Caprioglio
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Rolando Castro
Mayor, City of Mendota

Jesse Mendoza
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Oscar Rosales
Councilmember, City of Mendota

Victor Lopez
Mayor, City of Orange Cove

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Frank Gonzalez
Mayor, City of Sanger

Amarpreet Dhaliwal
Mayor, City of San Joaquin

Jim Avalos
Councilmember, City of Selma

Lorraine Avalos
Boardmember, Selma Healthcare District

KINGS COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS/ELECTED OFFICIALS

Central Valley Energy Coalition

Doug Verboon
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Richard Valle
Supervisor, Kings County

TULARE COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS/ELECTED OFFICIALS

AMVETS (American Veterans)

Tulare County Farm Bureau

Pete Vander Poel
Chair, Tulare County

Kuyler Crocker
Supervisor, Tulare County

Dr. Kuldip Thusu
Mayor, City of Dinuba

Greg Gomez
Mayor, City of Farmersville

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Mayor, City of Woodlake

**Member of Kern Citizens for Energy*