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Governor Gavin Newsom
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RE: please sign [AB 3233](#) (Addis), the Local Environmental Choice and Safety Act

Dear Governor Newsom:

We strongly support and urge your signature on [AB 3233](#) (Addis), the Local Environmental Choice and Safety Act, to safeguard longstanding local governmental authority to regulate, limit, or phase out oil and gas operations in their jurisdictions.

Many cities and counties have decades-old ordinances restricting oil and gas operations to protect community health and safety, which helps California achieve its climate, health, and environmental goals. Now the oil industry is distorting a recent, narrow California Supreme Court ruling to fearmonger, sow confusion and threaten litigation to chill and attack local action on oil and gas, even though the Court expressly declined to disturb most areas of local oil and gas control.

Oil produced in California is among the dirtiest and most climate-damaging in the world. Oil and gas extraction causes toxic pollution that can increase the risks of reproductive and respiratory harms and cancer. It also threatens public safety, risking fires, explosions, leakages, spills, and chemical releases.

Local governments have always had the authority to regulate oil and gas operations to protect their residents and the environment from harmful pollution. This bill will affirm that authority and reduce the oil industry's threats and intimidation created by uncertainty under the law.

The fiscal impacts of this bill to the state, if any, are minor and speculative. AB 3233 does not itself directly regulate or limit any oil and gas development, nor does it change any of the responsibilities of state oil and gas regulators under current state law and regulation. AB 3233 simply ensures local communities will continue to have a voice in decisions on oil and gas projects, as they have for many years. Local restrictions are more likely to decrease costs to the state as the need for state regulation, monitoring, and enforcement decline.

For these reasons, we strongly support and ask that you sign AB 3233 into law.

Respectfully,

350 Bay Area Action	Center for Food Safety
350 Conejo / San Fernando Valley	Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment
350 Humboldt	Central California Environmental Justice Network
350 Petaluma	Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE)
350 Sacramento	Central Coast Environmental Voters (CCEV)
350 Santa Barbara	Central Valley Air Quality Coalition
1000 Grandmothers for Future Generations	Central Valley Partnership
Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet	CERBAT
AFT 1521 Los Angeles Community College Faculty Guild	CleanEarth4Kids.org
Alameda County Democratic Party	Climate Action California
Asian Pacific Environmental Network	Climate Breakthrough
Azul	Climate Brunch
Bay Area-System Change not Climate Change	Climate First: Replacing Oil & Gas (CFROG)
Bicycling Monterey	Climate Hawks Vote
Black Women for Wellness Action Project	Climate Health Now
California Climate Voters	Climate Reality Bay Area Chapter
California Environmental Justice Alliance (CEJA) Action	Climate Reality Project Monterey Bay
California Environmental Justice Coalition (CEJC)	Climate Reality Project Orange County Chapter
California Environmental Voters	Climate Reality Project Riverside County Chapter
California Federation of Teachers	Climate Reality Project San Fernando Valley Chapter
California Green New Deal Coalition	Climate Reality Project Silicon Valley
California Nurses Association	Coalition for Clean Air
California Nurses for Environmental Health and Justice	Communities for a Better Environment
California State Association of Counties	Communities for a Sustainable Monterey County
California Youth vs. Big Oil	Community Environmental Council
Californians for Disability Rights Inc.	Consumer Watchdog
Center for Biological Diversity	Corporate Ethics International
Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice	

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 East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
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 Ecology Center
 El Pueblo Para el Aire y Agua Limpia de Kettleman City
 Elders Climate Action (ECA) Northern California (NorCal) Chapter
 Elders Climate Action (ECA) Southern California (SoCal) Chapter
 Elected Officials To Protect America - Code Blue
 Endangered Habitats League
 Environment California
 Environmental Defense Center
 Environmental Protection Information Center
 Environmental Working Group
 Esperanza Community Housing
 Extinction Rebellion San Francisco Bay Area
 Food & Water Watch
 Food Empowerment Project
 Fossil Free California
 FracTracker Alliance
 Fresnans against Fracking
 Fridays for Future Fresno
 Fridays For Future Sacramento
 Friends of the Earth
 Glendale Environmental Coalition
 Good Neighbor Steering Committee of Benicia
 Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice
 Greenpeace USA
 Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club
 Holman United Methodist Church
 Idle No More SF Bay
 Indivisible Marin
 Indivisible San Francisco
 Indivisible San Jose
 Indivisible South Bay LA
 La Jolla Environmental Action
 Local Clean Energy Alliance
 Los Angeles Climate Reality Project
 Los Padres ForestWatch
 Manhattan Beach Huddle
 Methane Action
 MLK Coalition of Greater Los Angeles
 Monterey County Democratic Central Committee
 Monterey Waterkeeper
 Mothers Out Front
 Natural Resources Defense Council
 NextGen California
 Oil and Gas Action Network
 Oil Change International
 Pacific Environment
 Physicians for Social Responsibility Los Angeles
 Physicians for Social Responsibility Sacramento
 Planning and Conservation League
 Protect Monterey County
 Protect Playa Now
 Queers X Climate
 Redeemer Community Partnership
 Rise Economy
 Rising Communities
 RootsAction.org
 San Francisco Bay Physicians for Social Responsibility
 San Francisco Baykeeper
 San Joaquin Valley Democratic Club
 SanDiego350
 Santa Barbara Standing Rock Coalition
 Santa Cruz Climate Action Network
 Sequoia ForestKeeper
 Sierra Club California
 Society of Fearless Grandmothers-Santa Barbara
 Stand Together Against Neighborhood Drilling (STAND-LA)
 Stand.earth
 Stop OAK Expansion Coalition
 Sunflower Alliance
 Sunrise Movement Bay Area
 Sunrise Movement LA
 Sunrise Santa Barbara
 Sustainable Mill Valley
 The Climate Alliance of Santa Cruz County
 The Climate Center
 The Climate Reality Project: California Coalition
 The Phoenix Group

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