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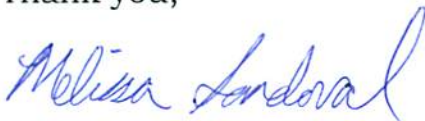
Re: Excelaron Project

Dear John:

I am writing this letter in opposition to drilling for oil in the Huasna Valley. I have reviewed the EIR and I am still concerned about this project. While some of my concerns were evaluated, others were not. I am a saleswoman for an international medical device company and my territory covers all of San Luis Obispo County, Kern County, Kings County, Tulare County and the northern part of Santa Barbara County. While I do not know what the economic impacts of project are, I can tell you that they are not worth it. Of the five Counties that I visit weekly, San Luis Obispo is the only one where I do not see the impacts of oil drilling.

I choose to live in San Luis Obispo for many reasons, and one of those is its natural beauty. While I may never have to visit the Huasna Valley for work, I have empathy for the people of Huasna Valley. I am very familiar with the orange glow and the smell that emanates from an oil field. One thing that every other County in my territory has in common is that they all come here for vacation. I don't see very many residents here going the other direction. I'm not sure that is a coincidence. Highway 166 is already unpleasant enough to travel on; do we really want the more trucks on it?

Thank you,



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