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To: Sidney Hill
Subject: Oil and Gas Ordinance

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Dear Sidney Hill,

At a time when countries, states and counties all over the world are addressing the detrimental effects of fracking and the accidents and negligence in the oil and gas industry which harm both the public health and the environment in numerous ways that are documented, Sandoval County is preparing to ramrod an ordinance through which provides zero recourse and protections. There is no use reiterating the many defects and travesties in this process and the proposed ordinance... as many educated caring citizens have had their legitimate objections read into the record at the meetings of both P and Z Commissioners and County Commissioners. I have been appalled at the cavalier attitude of our Commissioners and their refusal to consider the potential harm to us all. My husband, son and I all feel the same way: why, if the oil and gas industry is so "safe and responsible" do they, and our County Commissioners, fight for an ordinance that provides no protections, public input, monitoring or meaningful consequences for accidents? Why, when surrounding counties and states are placing restrictions, involving the public and developing safe energy use and exploration guidelines is Sandoval County doing the opposite? The economic justifications are ludicrous, unless someone's personal career or business interest is being stoked by the Oil and Gas Industry, which is what many of us are beginning to suspect. My letters to the Commissioners have not been answered except once, when he wrote back with platitudes and paranoid accusations against the public citizens expressing concerns.

Since then, and after listening to several meetings with the public where their questions and points were never addressed, I have gone from cautious and polite to totally frustrated. It is obvious to anyone who has followed the public input and is able to correctly access the OCD, state and federal laws concerning the Oil and Gas industry, that the citizens are far more educated and aware than our elected officials. This is not an opinion, I taught research, critical thinking and debate for 15 years, my husband is an Engineer and we have both done considerable research on the subject.

I have my doubts this letter will even be read or considered and yet wanted you to know, as I am not physically able to attend the meeting November 16th, that we are vehemently opposed to this ordinance and the County Commissioners supporting it, and while previously relatively uninvolved in our local politics, we now realize the special interests and willful ignorance of public and environmental safety that is dominating our County and will continue to fight against it.

Respectfully,
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