

# TEMPLATE LETTER TO LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

**[SUBJECT] Show Support for California Climate Superfund to Make Polluters Pay**

Hello [RECIPIENT NAME],

As a Santa Barbara resident, I respectfully request you to join elected officials across the state and show your support for the **California Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Bill** by signing on to [this letter](#) of support.

Here in Santa Barbara County, we know all too well the risks of wildfire, drought, flooding, and sea level rise. As climate change worsens, so do these devastating environmental impacts. The Santa Barbara County Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment emphasizes the combined hazards of the aforementioned as well as the negative impact on human health, particularly for frontline and minority communities.

While fossil fuel companies continue to turn a profit, Santa Barbara County is paying the price in disaster relief, rising costs of living, and quality of life. In the past decade alone, taxpayers have spent billions of dollars responding to the climate crisis and its associated impacts. The Thomas Fire along with the following Montecito mudslides, for example, caused over \$2.2 billion in damages and claimed 23 lives. And yet - it is not taxpayers who should be held responsible.

Fossil fuel polluters have knowingly been responsible for the increase in natural disasters and it is time that they pay their fair share for the damages they caused. A Climate Superfund ensures that large oil and gas companies financially contribute to fund...

1. response to climate catastrophes,
2. protection for frontline workers,
3. climate resilience measures,
4. and the transition to clean energy, creating green jobs along the way.

We encourage you to stand with the Santa Barbara County community and make polluters pay.

Thank you for your support,

[YOUR NAME]