

We, the undersigned, write to express our strong support for Assembly Bill 2716 (Bryan). This important bill holds the oil and gas industry accountable by charging \$10,000 per day to oil wells producing less than 15 barrels per day within a half mile of a community.

Approximately 2.7 million Californians live within 3,200 feet of an oil well. These Californians suffer higher rates of respiratory illness, prenatal defects, and cancer.

AB 2716, the Low-Producing Well Accountability Act, takes aim at wells in these dangerous zones that are adding significantly to these health risks while producing only insignificant amounts of oil.

Wells that produce fewer than 15 barrels of oil per day are known as “stripper wells” because they are considered at the end of their economically useful life. Oil drillers would rather keep them running with low output than pay the cost of plugging them.

We believe that it is unacceptable to allow oil drillers to continue to run these low production wells with no economic benefit while the people in nearby communities pay with their health. This legislation holds them accountable.

We need AB 2716 to incentivize oil companies to shut down their stripper wells to protect our most vulnerable. We urge your support of AB 2716.

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