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Response to Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce letter of support

In the August 27, 2013 letter of support for the HECA project, Jay Tamsi states, "The Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, representing over 410,000 Hispanic professionals from corporations and both large and small businesses would like to express our support for the Hydrogen Energy California Project". On the official Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce website, they state that their organization has only "several hundred members". So, maybe they represent several hundred members, not over 410,000!! It is dishonest to imply that Hispanic business interests represent the entire Hispanic population of our area. I am Hispanic and am vehemently opposed to the HECA project as are many Hispanic "professionals" and non professionals alike.

The HECA project would cause great harm to our environment that already is burdened with unacceptably polluted air quality. The pollution from coal bearing diesel trucks, risks from untested coal processing technology, threat to the health of the entire population, and to the safety of agricultural products, the lessening of the safety of our road systems and the using up of limited water resources negate any benefits of short term construction jobs and the minimal contribution of electricity to the power grid that this fertilizer plant would produce.

Please disregard the erroneous implication that the Hispanic population as a whole supports the HECA project. Please protect the health and safety of local residents and do not permit the HECA project.

Sincerely,
Rogelio Vargas