



Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

Dedicated to the Preservation of the Simi Hills and Santa Susana Mountains

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**Senator Pavley
Assembly Member Wilk**

RE: Support for SB 380

The **Santa Susana Mountain Park Association's** (SSMPA's) mission is to preserve and protect the Simi Hills, Santa Susana Mountains and regional open space. Our organization was formed in 1971, and since that time we have continually monitored projects within our region, advocating for open space and local public health. The gas leak at Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility and the ongoing harm it is causing in our area is therefore of major concern to us.

SSMPA wishes to express its strong support for **SB 380**, co-sponsored by Senator Pavley and Assemblymember Wilk, which creates a moratorium on new injections of gas into the Aliso Canyon facility until it is certified as safe. In addition, SSMPA staunchly supports this bill taking effect immediately as an urgency statute.

SSMPA also looks forward to additional legislation to protect our region, both today and in the future. This includes SB 887 requiring stepped up inspection of all gas storage facilities and SB 888 requiring the Gas Company to pay for the costs associated with the leak without using ratepayer funds.

In addition, SSMPA respectfully requests that a moratorium be implemented on further residential development in close proximity to the Aliso Canyon facility, to prevent further negative impacts on the surrounding area and its residents.

Sincerely,

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About **Santa Susana Mountain Park Association:**

Santa Susana Mountain Park Association is a 43 year-old non-profit organization based in Chatsworth, Los Angeles, California.

We represent approximately 700 members and concerned citizens, and we partner with many organizations to promote ecological and recreational quality in Southern California.

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