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Dear SMC Harbor District Commissioners,  
I am writing to request that you approve Resolution 21-17 opposing oil and gas drilling in Federal and State waters off the California Coast, which is being brought before you at the Harbor District meeting of November 17th.

The recent oil spill off the southern California coastline is a wake up call to all of us. The spill contaminated sensitive environmental habitats, disrupted the local fishing industry, added to disruption of the local shipping and the supply chain, and disrupted local industries that rely on a healthy coastal environment. None of us wants to see that happen off our beautiful San Mateo coast which we've all worked so hard to protect in its natural state.

It is understood oil still plays a large role in our day-to-day lives, however, it is clear that local communities and other local government entities charged with safeguarding our oceans and coastal waters take a proactive stance to oppose offshore drilling for oil and gas. It is also important for agencies to take steps to reduce reliance on oil and support more sustainable and safer forms of energy that will neither strain nor damage our environment.

In appreciation of your consideration.

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