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Dear Mr. Kenna:

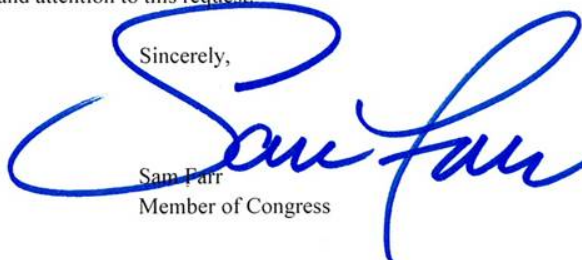
I am writing to urge the Bureau of Land Management to postpone its planned oil and gas competitive lease sale of Monterey and San Benito County lands.

As you well know, this sale proposal has attracted significant public attention. Much of this public concern has focused on the practice of hydraulic fracturing, commonly called "fracking," and its potential use in any subsequent drilling activity on the proposed lease parcels. Will the practice be used as part of any actual development of these leases, and if so, what impacts would such fracking on these lease parcels have on human health and the environment.

Last month, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors wrote to the BLM to request that it delay the lease sale to give time to better answer these significant questions. I would like to echo that request, and urge the BLM to set the lease sale aside until it can in general ensure adequate safeguards on any fracking that does occur on any of the leased parcels and more particularly address the concerns raised by Monterey County.

Thank you for your time and attention to this request.

Sincerely,



Sam Farr  
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