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Senator Shannon Grove
1021 O Street, Room 7150
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Dear Senator Grove:

Homestead Valley Community Council writes in support of your legislation, SB 1319. This important bill will express the intent of the Legislature to prohibit the import of crude oil into California if the source of the oil is a foreign nation with demonstrated human rights abuses, or a foreign nation with environmental standards that are lower than those in California. The measure would also require the Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGem) to report on its website the amount of particulate matter released into the air from tanker ship emissions from oil imported into the state.

California's Governor wants an end to oil consumption while ignoring the reality that tens of millions of families need gasoline for their cars, and that thousands of everyday products are derived from petroleum. California's demand for oil has not, and will not be, reduced anytime soon. As a result, the supply has to come from somewhere and the Governor has decided to ignore domestic production and import millions of barrels of oil a year from foreign producers. The state imports this oil from countries with records of significant human rights abuses or that lack meaningful environmental protections.

It makes no sense to send \$25 billion a year to these countries when California can look to domestic drilling to meet our needs, keep those high paying jobs here in the state, and do it with environmentally friendly production. SB 1319 simply says that California will not import oil from countries that do not share our values. The current foreign policy crisis, and the volatility it has caused to oil prices, illustrates the need for this bill and the need for greater energy security.

For all of the reasons stated above, Homestead Valley Community Council supports SB 1319.

Sincerely,



Jim Harvey
President, Homestead Valley Community Council
On behalf of HVCC