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CIPA CEO Issues Statement on Energy Ban Legislation that Will Rollback California's Environmental Leadership

CIPA Chief Executive Officer Rock Zierman today issued the following statement regarding the introduction of <u>SB 467</u> by Senator Weiner (D-San Francisco) and Senator Limón (D-Santa Barbara) which would ban several forms of traditional oil extraction and create an unscientific, arbitrary setback:

"This legally questionable legislation would virtually ban all oil production in California, killing thousands of quality, highly skilled, union careers that cannot be replaced by low skilled and temporary jobs in the renewable industry. This also undermines California's environmental leadership by making our state even more reliant on environmentally inferior foreign oil that is sent by tanker ship to our crowded ports which have an impact on air quality. Shutting down energy production under the toughest regulations on the planet will devastate the economies of oil producing regions – especially the Central Valley – and make the Saudi royal family even richer all while eliminating the industry that is investing in the innovation needed to significantly reduce the state's carbon footprint."

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