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California Workers Say “NO DRILLING WHERE WE’RE LIVING”

- This November, Californians can vote to keep SB1137, a law that prohibits new drilling for oil and gas within 3,200 feet of schools, homes, parks, and hospitals.
- Fossil fuel extraction close to where we live and our children play is harmful to the health of working families.
- Five million working class Californians live within a mile of an active well and suffer toxic exposures daily.
- We know fossil fuel production harms community health, the planet and the health of workers in the industry. The time to start setting limits is NOW!
- Fossil fuel executives who live far from their pollution are pushing to expand drilling and overturn the law. We can stop them!

Vote to keep the law!

Q&A

Is the Law a Job-Killer?

The Buffer Zone legislation only bars drilling for new oil and gas wells. It won't eliminate work that workers currently perform. The science tells us we need to transition away quickly from fossil fuels, but this legislation is only a first step.

Won't Fuel Prices Go Sky-High?

We've already seen ads by the fossil fuel industry. They threaten to raise prices at the pump if we won't let them keep drilling in our backyards. But economists reject the claim that barring new wells in our neighborhoods will result in significant price hikes. Oil and gas prices are set by worldwide supply and demand, not local fluctuations in production.

Won't The Law Divide Us?

Big Oil will try to divide workers and sabotage efforts to connect our struggles as workers from the struggles of the communities we live in for climate and environment. When labor unions and climate justice groups join forces, we are powerful. The support of over 100 climate groups for United Auto Workers contract demands helped them win their strike.

What Next?

The problem of an energy transition will not be solved overnight. We need a Just Transition to fully protect workers and communities as we phase out fossil fuels. This will require planning, coordination and working class power. Only if labor and climate movements united as true allies will we have the power to achieve our common goal of a Just Transition.

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