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Alice Busching Reynolds
President
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
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Dear President Reynolds,

I am writing today regarding the California Public Utilities Commission's proposed decision to increase storage capacity for natural gas at the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility (Aliso Canyon), despite concerns raised by environmental groups, residents, and numerous government officials.

The 2015 Aliso Canyon gas leak released 10,000 metric tons of methane gas into the air over the span of about four months, endangering the health of over 7,000 Californian families in the northern Los Angeles community and surrounding areas. While the Southern California Gas Company claims to have made improvements to ensure the safety of the facility, there remain significant community safety concerns following the largest methane gas leak in our country's history.

In the years following the gas leak, Aliso Canyon has continued to pose significant danger to the health and safety of Los Angeles residents. As California transitions to an affordable clean energy system, it is critical that the Commission prioritize safer energy storage.

To this end, I strongly urge the Commission to reject any proposals to increase storage capacity limits at Aliso Canyon. Furthermore, the Commission should expedite the permanent closure of the facility, as ordered by former Governor Jerry Brown and echoed by Governor Gavin Newsom, while maintaining stable energy prices for consumers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam B. Schiff". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Adam B. Schiff
Member of Congress