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Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce joins those in opposition to SB 57

The Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce through our Legislative Action Committee have taken an opposing position to **SB 57 (Stern and Hertzberg) Natural Gas Storage Moratorium**.

In the time since the natural gas storage facility in Aliso Canyon failed, the Southern California Gas Company has made the required repairs and set forth on establishing further safeguards. In addition to the repairs they have complied with the new testing and operational requirements of various State of California regulatory agencies.

This bill would delay reopening of critical resources for an undetermined period. With energy set to face one of the more taxing periods, the long Southern California summer, it is critical to move beyond this onerous regulation. A bill which does little to outline the measures it wants to see put in place or define the period it would take to comply with said measures is dangerous.

As the champion for those who create the jobs which make our community and state great, the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce strongly urges you to ensure our communities have the reliable and safe resources they need at their disposal. Continuing to add unnecessary roadblocks will only further put our infrastructure at risk.

Sincerely,

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