



October 8 2025

The Honorable Ben Allen
Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations and Rules
1021 O Street, Suite 6610
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate Bill 39 - Support

Dear Chairperson Allen and Senate Appropriations and Rules Committee members,

We are writing in support of Senate Bill 39, the Clean Air Near Schools Act. This bill intends to protect public health by specifically focusing on individuals likely to spend time at or near schools, daycare centers, and residential zones.

The safety of students, infants, and residents is not something that should be negotiated or traded for financial gain through oil and gas drilling. Oil and gas drilling poses a serious public safety risk due to the elevated risks of asthma, cancer, and other health conditions associated with its air pollution and toxic emissions. This bill, by prohibiting the issuance of new permits, as well as the renewal of expiring permits for oil and gas drilling within 3,200 feet of schools, daycare centers, and residential zones, will allow for schools to be safer environments for students as well as school staff, by decreasing the air pollution in the environment surrounding these institutions of learning. Additionally, the fines placed on those who violate this law will create a financial burden intended to help enforce this law and hold companies accountable.

For these reasons, we strongly urge you to support SB 39.

Sincerely,

Jack Anthony Klein (He/They) - Lobbyist
California Teachers Association