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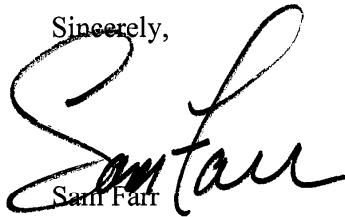
Dear Mr. Abbott:

I am writing to request that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) postpone its proposed oil and gas lease sale in Monterey County by at least one quarter.

It has recently been brought to my attention that a number of land owners, tribal, conservation, and other community interests have only recently learned of the proposed lease sale and its associated environmental review documentation. I believe that a delay to allow the comprehensive notice of these and other potentially interested parties, particularly those with interests in split estate lands and tribal sacred sites, will serve the public's interest.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please direct any correspondence related to this matter to Alec Arago in my Salinas district office at (831) 424-2229, [alec.arago@mail.house.gov](mailto:alec.arago@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,

  
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