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ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 23

TEXAS OIL COMPANIES DESIGNED PROP. 23 to KILL CALIFORNIA CLEAN ENERGY and AIR POLLUTION STANDARDS.

Big Texas oil companies and state politicians who receive oil company money designed Prop. 23 to repeal clean energy and air pollution standards in California.

Those oil companies are spending millions on a **DECEPTIVE CAMPAIGN** to promote Prop. 23 because 23 would allow them and other polluters to escape accountability and increase their profits.

PROP. 23 is a DIRTY ENERGY PROPOSITION that MEANS MORE AIR POLLUTION and INCREASED HEALTH RISKS*Vote NO.*

Prop. 23's main backers, the Valero and Tesoro oil companies, are among the worst polluters in California. They're using 23 to *repeal portions of the health and safety code* that require them to reduce air pollution at their California refineries.

“Prop. 23 would result in more air pollution that would lead to more asthma and lung disease, especially in children and seniors. Vote NO.” American Lung Association in California

PROP. 23 is a JOB KILLER THREATENING HUNDREDS of THOUSANDS of CALIFORNIA JOBS.

Across California, clean energy companies are sprouting up and building wind and solar power facilities that provide us with clean power, built right here by California workers.

By repealing clean energy laws, Prop. 23 would put many of these California companies out of business, kill a homegrown industry that is creating hundreds of thousands of California jobs, and damage our overall economy.

“California is the hub of innovation and investment in clean energy technologies and businesses. But Prop. 23 would reverse the state's clean energy laws, jeopardizing billions in economic growth and hundreds of thousands of jobs.” Sue Kateley, Executive Director, California Solar Energy Industries Association, representing more than 200 solar energy small businesses.

The independent, nonpartisan Legislative Analyst Office says 23 could *“dampen additional investment in clean energy technologies by private firms, thereby resulting in less economic activity than otherwise would be the case.”*

PROP. 23 WOULD JEOPARDIZE:

- 12,000 California-based clean energy businesses
- Nearly 500,000 existing California clean energy jobs
- More than \$10 billion in private investment in California

PROP. 23 WOULD KEEP US ADDICTED to COSTLY OIL *Vote NO.*

By killing incentives for clean energy, 23 reduces choices for consumers already facing high gas and electricity costs.

“Prop. 23 would keep consumers stuck on costly oil and subject consumers to spiking energy prices.” Consumers Union, publisher of Consumer Reports Magazine

OUR OIL ADDICTION THREATENS NATIONAL SECURITY. PROP. 23 MAKES IT WORSE.

Prop. 23 would harm efforts to reduce our dependence on foreign oil that comes from countries that support terrorism and are hostile to the United States.

JOIN PUBLIC HEALTH ADVOCATES, CLEAN ENERGY COMPANIES and SMALL BUSINESSES: VOTE NO on 23.

Prop. 23 is OPPOSED by:

- American Lung Association in California
- Coalition for Clean Air
- AARP
- League of Women Voters of California
- More than 50 leading environmental organizations
- LA Business Council
- More than 200 solar and wind energy companies
- Hundreds of other businesses across California

STOP the TEXAS OIL COMPANIES' DIRTY ENERGY PROPOSITION.

Vote NO on 23.

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