



February 18, 2020

The Honorable Al Muratsuchi  
California State Assembly  
CA State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: AB 345 (Muratsuchi) – Natural resources: environmental justice: oil and gas:  
regulation of operations – Support**

Dear Assemblyman Muratsuchi,

I am writing on behalf of the California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) representing over one million affiliated members to support AB 345. CARA is building an alliance of grassroots and retiree organizations to address quality of life issues for seniors and their families in our state. We recognize the importance of improving our environment now and for future generations.

Currently, oil and gas harm health and the environment, and the greatest impact is disproportionately felt by low-income communities of color. AB 345 is key to protecting the health of many communities that have long suffered the consequences related to their proximity to oil and gas operations.

Under AB 345, new or enhanced oil and gas operations will be required to be 2,500 feet from a residence, school, childcare facility, playground, hospital, or healthcare facility. Many studies indicate the importance of doing this.

We recognize the urgency of combatting the climate crisis and appreciate your continuing leadership in aggressively moving forward with new programs. For these reasons, CARA strongly supports AB 345 and thanks you for introducing it. We look forward to working with you on its passage in the Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hene Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hene Kelly  
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