



**CENTER ON RACE, POVERTY & THE ENVIRONMENT**

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Dear Governor Brown,

We hope this message finds you and your loved ones in good health. We recently heard from our friend Linda at 350.org that you believe fracking has “zero impacts” on our communities and families here in the Central Valley.

Governor, with all respect, we know firsthand that you’re wrong on that. We are the ones living with fracking every day and we’d like to share our experiences with you. We speak for our community of Shafter and with the many farmworking towns throughout Kern County--which as you know has both the largest number of wells in the state and the worst air pollution in the country.

We can see wells surrounding our elementary schools, our churches, our farms and our homes. We can see unlined pits of wastewater next to the fields we and our families work in. Those we care about are beginning to suffer from headaches, nosebleeds, rare cancers and respiratory diseases associated with oil drilling and extraction. We do not want the pollution, the contamination. We know fracking is good for the oil companies. But it’s not good for the people of the Valley or California’s climate.

We ask how you could do this to our families and other low income communities and communities of color across the state? We invite you to see what it really means to live with fracking by visiting our hometown. We know that once you know what we do, you’ll do the right thing by stopping fracking to protect our families.

We stand along with our allies in Los Angeles facing the same pollution we do. We know that together, with allies across California and with your leadership, we can and we will stop fracking. Si se puede!

Respectfully,  
Rodrigo y Anabel  
Community Activists  
Shafter, CA