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I thought you and other Business leaders might consider writing a letter to the editor. Malibu business community has been key in defeating this reckless and dangerous project.

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A Business Perspective -

I am in the business, or was until one month ago, of helping companies implement their "Good Neighbor and Corporate Responsibility Policies." A few examples: I helped Cisco Systems, implement their Networking Academies in Ventura County (one of the best in the nation). Cisco is highly respected because they follow high level technology business standards. As a Channel Consultant with Microsoft, I saw first hand the various levels of product testing prior to Microsoft introducing their programs to the consumer. In New York City I worked with Edison, Chase Manhattan Bank and Equitable Life Assurance and others. I currently serve as an advisor to South Shore Oxnard - Hearthside Homes; the company has wide community support because they listen to the community, the customer.

BHP Billiton's "Cabrillo Port" LNG Project has failed to gain community support, for many reasons, some of the most important are:

1. The creation of the proposed BHP Billiton "Cabrillo Port" is driven primarily by buying influence - rather than by adhering to California established industry laws and quality environment standards. Research into the background of this company, shows buying influence. is how BHP Billiton operates throughout the World.
2. Demonstrating need for a product to a consumer is how high standard companies operate. BHP Billiton has failed to demonstrate the need for LNG. The irony is the BHP Billiton lobbied heavily against SB426; a bill that would have enabled the State to conduct an LNG energy needs assessment - without BHP Billiton having to pay for it.
3. This company continues to spent a great deal of time and money influencing against adherence to established - California Environmental Laws. Our newly elected congress, Congressman Henry Waxman, has already started investigation on this issue.
4. The Oxnard, Ventura and Malibu economy depends on tourism. Over 280 tons of air pollution per year coupled with water contamination of Cabrillo Port would defiantly have a negative impact on Oxnard, Ventura and Malibu many tourist attractions.
5. The Malibu Business Community, Chamber of Commerce, Realtors all oppose BHP Billiton for all of the above economy reasons.
6. Two years combating this issue, has lead us to many other social, economic, safety, health reasons why this project needs to be rejected.
7. Finally, the majority of people combating the BHP Billiton "Cabrillo Port" proposal are not opposed to natural gas per say. The bottom line opposition is the reckless and dangerous impact this project will have in our communities - health, safety and economy.

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