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Dear Ms. Arnold and Mr. Wilson:

I write on behalf of the 325,000 members of the California Teachers Association to express our opposition to the proposed Phillips 66 oil train offloading facility expansion in San Luis Obispo County. Hundreds of California schools are located near current and future oil train routes. With five major oil train derailments, fires, and explosions having occurred in the United States and Canada over just the past five months, we believe that safety must be put first. At least 29 schools in San Luis Obispo County are within a mile of a potential "blast zone" and could suffer catastrophic consequences in the event of a derailment. We also are concerned that the health and well-being of students in our schools would be harmed by diesel emissions from the trains.

Today we join with the many local governments, school boards, and teachers unions and urge the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors to reject this project and protect the community's health and safety.

Sincerely,

Dean E. Vogel, President  
California Teachers Association

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- c: Eric C. Heins, Vice President, CTA
- Mikki Cichocki, Secretary-Treasurer, CTA
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