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San Luis Obispo Planning Commission
Jim Irving, District 1
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County Government Center
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Dear Commissioner Topping:

I have resided at 1206 Manzanita Way, SLO, CA (District 3) for the past three years. My residence is approximately 100 yards from the train track and trestle on Tank Farm Road. During this time I have enjoyed hearing the trains pass by, but since I have learned of Phillips 66 proposal to frequent these tracks with tar sand oil cargo, I experience great trepidation at the sound of a train whistle.

For over 30 years, I owned my own business, and am very supportive of free enterprise. I understand businesses need to make a profit, but in all of those years I would never have conceived of putting thousands of people, schools, hospitals, fire stations, government buildings and the environment at risk with my business practices.

According to National Geographic Society, oil train disasters have increased from 8 states to 21 states since 2010. Anyone who supports the Phillips 66 proposal to bring oil trains through any part of the United States from Canada is irresponsible, or does not clearly understand the ramifications and risks involved. Why can't they refine this oil where it is drilled and ship it to Asia from Canada? We have all the risks and none of the gain.

As SLO County Supervisors, you have the responsibility to protect the residents, businesses, schools, and public services from any potential disasters. The Phillip 66 proposal is clearly a highly potential disaster. I ask you to deny this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration,

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