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Dear Supervisor Lynn Compton,

My name is Cathy Murray and I am a 36 year resident of Arroyo Grande and 42 year resident of SLO County. I taught high school in this area for 37 years and I care deeply for the safety and welfare of our young people. I appreciate your request to hear from your constituents on the proposed Phillips 66 oil train project. As a resident living in south San Luis Obispo County, I strongly oppose the approval of this facility.

My concerns are foremost the public safety of our population. Should there be a train derailment resulting in a devastating fire and explosion, nearly half of the population in the county would be in danger as they live within this blast zone. A high proportion of our county schools are well within the blast zone. In addition to the danger of explosion, the large amount of exhaust and particulate matter emitted by the increased number of trains traveling through our county would cause irreparable harm to our air creating a danger to public health. An oil train spill into a stream, or river would have long term consequences for our environment which in turn could have disastrous effects on our economy by destroying agricultural land and ruining our tourist economy.

Due to the reasons above, I firmly believe that the proposed Phillips 66 rail spur is not in our community's best interest. I urge you to put before the Board of Supervisors a motion to deny construction of any rail spurs in our county.

Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts.

Cathy Murray

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