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To: Ramona Hedges
Subject: OILTRAINS IN SLO County

Dear Commissioner Irving:

We have lived in Paso for more than 25 years and believe that an approval of P 66's application would be a giant step backwards.

Over the last two decades, Paso has become a tourist end destination, surrounded by many wineries in a beautiful environment. SLO County is now one of the world leaders for renewable energy. The solar plants on the Chorizo plain are among the largest on Earth. Our economic future lies in tourism and renewable energy, not in the expansion of the fossil fuel economy of the last century. Therefore, we strongly urge you to vote against this proposal.

Moreover, the proposed trains would not only endanger the health and safety of nearly half of the residents, but would also contribute massively to air pollution and global climate change by transporting and refining some of the dirtiest oil on Earth here.

In addition, looking at the location of the tracks, Paso in particular has a lot to lose. Just about every structure of importance is located near the tracks! P 66's proposal is part of its world wide "oil-by-rail" strategy and has little to do with local jobs. Why should our County accept the risks of tar sands oil from Canada to be refined for the Asian Market? Altogether, we'd have much too much to lose and very little to gain.

A rejection is clearly in the best interest of Paso and the entire County. Thank you for your attention in this crucial matter,

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