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February 2, 2016

San Luis Obispo County Planning and Building Department
976 Osos Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Re: Phillips 66 Rail Spur Proposal, San Luis Obispo County

My company has been doing business in West Berkeley for many years and we are located very close to the Amtrak lines that Phillips 66 plans to use for transport of their crude oil materials. We are writing to express our concern and opposition to the Phillips 66 rail receiving terminal that would have impacts on our holdings, our businesses, and our community. You are aware, as outlined in the Final Environmental report, of the record of rail accidents involving shipments of hazardous crude. It is an alarming record, and the tank cars to be used for transport are also inadequate.

These shipments are described as transporting 80-unit cars of crude oil 250 days a year. The disruption to our east/west roads, the diesel particulate, the off-gassing of these shipments are all detrimental and are likewise not acceptable. The rail lines are, in many cases, adjacent and close to residences, schools, childcare facilities, stores and restaurants, and would have a direct impact on residences and businesses alike, including my business and each of my employees. The prospect of these materials traveling through our community is very worrisome and places the entire West Berkeley community at risk.

We respectfully request that the San Luis Obispo Planning Commission deny the project based on the scientific findings in the Final Environmental Impact Report, especially the serious accident record of transport by rail of these materials indicating the transport would place communities along the rail route in harms way.

Sincerely,

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