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LOCAL 31 ENGINEMEN, TRAINMEN & SWITCHMEN

Representing Union Pacific Western Lines Coast District Locomotive Engineers, Freight Conductors, Brakemen and Yardmen
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Lynn Compton, District 4 Supervisor
SLO Board of Supervisors
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January 20, 2016

The Honorable Lynn Compton,

This letter is in response to the proposed Santa Maria Refinery Rail Project to extend the Phillips 66 rail spur in Santa Maria, CA. Completion of this project could potentially result in multiple weekly oil trains destined for Santa Maria utilizing Union Pacific Railroad's Coast District. When completed, train crews represented by Local 31, who live and work in this community, would be responsible for the safe and efficient movement of these oil trains and we strongly encourage you to vote yes on this project. This Local Union wholeheartedly supports this rail extension.

All Local 31 Locomotive Engineers, Conductors, Brakemen and Yardmen working on the Coast District are federally certified which requires the passing of hearing and vision examinations, rules exams including hazardous materials exams, and check rides. On a daily basis Local 31 train crews safely transport hundreds of rail cars including those designated as hazardous. Anytime a train is carrying hazardous freight, Conductors are required to carry hazardous materials paperwork, including emergency response information and placement in train details to give to first responders in the event of an emergency. In addition, all train crews are required to handle hazardous materials in accordance with Union Pacific Railroad's strict rules and regulations regarding their movement and final placement.

Furthermore, on September 8, 2015 California Governor Jerry Brown signed into law legislation that requires every freight train in California to have a crew of at least 2 individuals. This important new law will help keep all communities within California safer including San Luis Obispo County by ensuring that every oil train destined for the Phillips 66 refinery in Santa Maria will have an Engineer and a SMART-TD represented and federally certified Conductor on-board.

Respectfully yours,

Darin D. Jessup
Local Chairman

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