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January 5, 2016

Honorable Planning Commissioners  
San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission  
c/o James A. Bergman, Director of Planning and Building  
976 Osos Street, Room 200  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Re: Phillips 66 Rail Spur Project (Santa Maria Refinery)

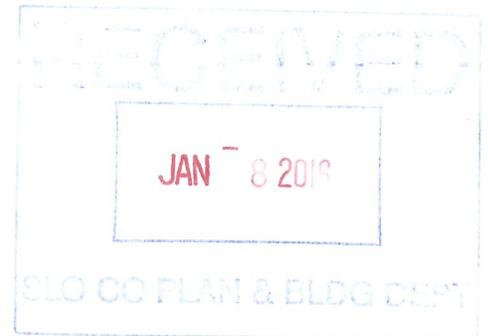
Dear Chair Topping and Commissioners:

As the State Senator for the 19<sup>th</sup> Senate District, I am again writing to you to express my continued opposition to the Phillips 66 Rail Spur Extension Project. As the Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Passenger Rail and the Vice Chair of the Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management, I share the concerns you have heard from many voices in the community regarding the risks associated with increasing numbers of trains transporting oil through heavily populated areas as well as agricultural or environmentally sensitive areas.

I join with the opposition you have received from the Boards of Supervisors for Ventura County, Santa Barbara County, Santa Clara County and the city councils of Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Goleta, Carpinteria, Grover Beach, Moorpark, Simi Valley, Camarillo, Oxnard, and Ventura among others. They have identified with specificity the dangers along the Union Pacific Railroad tracks that pass through their jurisdictions.

Extensive comments addressing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) deficiencies have been submitted jointly by the Communities for a Better Environment, Center for Biological Diversity, ForestEthics, and Sierra Club and joined by Santa Barbara's Environmental Defense Center. They encapsulate why this project is wrong. The EIR acknowledges the project has significant and unavoidable impacts, yet there is no evaluation of pipelines, which are logical alternatives.

The additional oil train traffic adds to our air quality problems. It exposes us to the expense of training first responders in oil spill clean-up and incident response planning. It threatens contamination of drinking water sources from derailments. It is statistically significant that in 2013 alone, more crude spilled from trains than spilled in the last four decades combined.



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When weighing the benefits versus the burdens from this project, public health and safety must prevail. It is for these reasons I strongly urge you to deny this project.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hannah-Beth Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

HANNAH-BETH JACKSON  
Senator, 19<sup>th</sup> District

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