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

RE: Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery Rail Project

Dear Honorable Chair and Commissioners:

I want to add my opposition to the Phillips 66 Refinery Rail Project to that of hundreds of private citizens. Many cities and counties are also opposed and rightfully so.

The Phillips Refinery Rail Project is extremely dangerous project for everything including the cities along the railroad tracks that transport this highly volatile crude oil. The type of crude oil, the large quantity of crude oil, and the potential for accidents is significant. Many of us living in Goleta will be within the blast zone from an explosion and fire. Anyone who has seen the tanker car explosions and fires on TV, from much shorter train accidents, is extremely concerned that the citizens of coastal California are to be subjected to this potential disaster. There is also the possibility for a spill or explosion should there be an earthquake.

There is the potential for significant damage to the ocean, creeks, estuaries, endangered and special status, plants, fish, birds, and other wildlife species.

The lives of the citizens of coastal California, their quality of life and the environment are far more valuable than profits for the County and the oil companies. Please deny this project.

Sincerely

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