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

RE: Proposed Phillips 66 Company Santa Maria Refinery Rail Spur Extension Project

Dear Honorable Chair and Commissioners:

The Simi Valley City Council discussed the proposed Phillips 66 Company Santa Maria Refinery Rail Spur Extension Project at its meeting on Monday, January 26. Simi Valley is located in Ventura County, along the proposed southern route from Colton to the Santa Maria Refinery.

Simi Valley has nine rail crossings in our community. Adjacent to the railroad tracks are homes, parks, businesses, and an elementary school. A derailment, accident, explosion, oil spill, or fire could have disastrous life safety, health, environmental, and economic consequences for the residents and businesses in Simi Valley.

For these reasons, the Simi Valley City Council respectfully requests that should the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission approve this project, that the Commission's approval be tied to the Association of American Railroads higher manufacturing standards requiring greater structural integrity for the tank cars.

Thank you for your consideration of this project's potential impacts to communities and the safety of their residents all along the route to and from the refinery. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Assistant to the City Manager, Samantha Argabrite at (805) 583-6707.

Sincerely,

Robert O. Huber
Mayor

cc: City Council
City Manager