November 21, 2014

Murry Wilson, Environmental Resource Specialist
County of San Luis Obispo
Department of Planning and Building
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Dear Mr. Wilson:

I have a unique perspective on the Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery Rail Project. Not only do I work at the refinery, but I also live in the immediate surrounding area. I have the benefit of two perspectives, and they both lead to the same conclusion. The refinery is good for us. Good for jobs, a great neighbor and a longtime business that needs to keep operating.

My family and I are the beneficiaries of the employment this Refinery has provided to allow us a good living wage, a home, and education for our children. The entire community, however, are fortunate to enjoy the business stability that Phillips 66 brings to the Central Coast. This rail project is critical to the ongoing viability of Philllips66 as one of the largest employers in this area, and it is critical to the economy of the Central Coast. ARG-01

The draft EIR spells out the way issues like noise and lights can be managed, and with these points taken care of, there is no reason to deny the application.

I hope you will rise above the emotional and political debate and see the facts that the Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery's request for a rail spur is reasonable and should be approved. Certifying the EIR is a great first step.

Sincerely,

Guillermo Arias
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