Dear Mr. Wilson,

I am writing to share my deep concern with the proposed crude-by-rail project at the Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery. As a resident of Isla Vista, this project will put myself, my friends and my community at immediate risk from increased air pollution and the potential for derailment of a train carrying explosive cargo. These risks are unacceptable and the planning commission of San Luis Obispo County has the power to prevent them.

I am a recent graduate of UCSB and am lucky to still call Santa Barbara my home. The central coast of California is a beautiful, healthy, thriving location in this ball of life we call Earth. As I consider my future, I wonder how long I will call the central coast my home.

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There is no place in our future for increased fossil fuel extraction and diversification in our ability to transport and process such. If this project is approved, it will signal to me that the Central Coast is taking steps in the wrong direction. I wish to live my future in a location taking serious steps to transition away from fossil fuel based energy systems. You have the ability to move the central coast in that direction by denying this project.

Protect the residents of San Luis Obispo County and those living along train routes leading to the Santa Maria Refinery. Protect our air quality and protect the future health of our planet.

Thank you for reading,

there is a big decision before you.

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