Dear Mr. Wilson,

The Phillips 66 Oil train offloading facility in Santa Maria greatly concerns me. I come from Monterey and Santa Barbara, and have friends from all over the state who live right next to railroads. This project would bring daily mile-long trains through their towns, carrying millions of gallons of explosive tar sands. Not only are these products defined as a class 1 impact under the air for its high levels of sulfur dioxide, benzene, and other carcinogens, they also release vastly more carbon dioxide in the refinement process. DYL-01

Residents of Nipomo oppose the imposition of this refinery in their home communities, and I stand in solidarity with them and the people who live all along the railroad tracks whose lives would be in danger in the event of a leak or derailing. DYL-02

The fight against tar sand production for the sake of the climate is an international and interregional campaign. In order to preserve tribal lands in the Alberta Tar Sand region of Canada and preserve the pristine wildlands there, Keystone XL has been delayed. To get around this clear message from the people, companies increase railroad transport, which creates more dangers. California can take a stand against this denial of community wishes and cancel propositions to refine and ship crude, unclean fossil fuels in communities! DYL-03

Please stand against this unnecessary violation of resident wishes and environmental safety! DYL-04

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