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To the members of the County Board of Supervisors,

The residents in South SLO County and their health and well being should motivate your vote against the Phillips 66 rail spur project. The Phillips 66 profit projections and very few new jobs are not a reasonable rationalization of Phillips 66 Management to promote this project.

I am a Civil Engineer with a Professional Engineering License. The facts are; Operational activities associated with the Rail Spur Project at the Refinery would generate criteria pollutant emissions that exceed SLOCAPD thresholds.

Operational activities of trains along the mainline rail route outside of SLO County associated with the Rail Spur Project would generate criteria pollutant emissions that exceed thresholds.

Operational activities at the Refinery associated with the Rail Spur Project would generate toxic emissions that exceed SLOCAPCD thresholds.

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Operational activities associated with the Rail Spur Project would generate GHG (greenhouse gas) emissions that exceed SLOCAPCD thresholds.

This Proposed new Phillips 66 Rail Spur is incompatible With Residential Zoning: The rail spur project is highly incompatible with SLO County's having created and zoned the area (in which I live) next to the refinery as a residential community. To date, the community and refinery have lived harmoniously, with respect for the well-being of one another. The residents invested in their homes on the Mesa facing agricultural fields, dunes, the Pacific Ocean, and a relatively serene refinery, whose raw material was delivered by pipeline. A earth berm will NOT stop the large noises created by the dramatically increased number of trains cars. If the rail terminal is approved, the entire area environment would be negatively affected. It would dramatically increase risks of huge explosions/fires from train derailments and other risk issues. House values on the Mesa could decrease and new houses will likely be more difficult to

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build/sell as well as selling previously owned houses. This will likely decrease the taxes received by the County.

No matter what Phillips 66 promises, the residential community is more important to the South County. The Rail Project should not be allowed as it degrades our environment and significantly increase risks to residents and wildlife .

As a homeowner living in the Woodlands/Trilogy Development, please review these facts before you vote and put the residents at the top of SLO County's priorities.

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