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Subject: Opposition to the P66 Rail Terminal Project

Mr. Murry Wilson, SLO Planning Department:

I have recently read through the EIR for the proposed P66 Rail Terminal Project. I would like to voice my concern and objection to the project.

Although I do not live in San Luis Obispo County, it is my understanding that the rail route to transport crude oil will run through northern California, and along the track that transverses San Leandro in the East Bay where I live and work.

I am concerned as a Trustee of the Alameda County Board of Education, and as the President of the South County Chapter of Black Women Organized for Political Action although I am speaking as an individual. The track runs near numerous schools within my district that includes the City of San Leandro, West Dublin and the unincorporated Alameda County communities of San Lorenzo, Ashland and Castro Valley. In addition, many school children and working families have to cross those tracks twice daily. The wait for a 1½ -mile long train will be considerable, and of course, there is no supervision to care for children during the long waits. Lastly, it is not feasible for any School District to prepare an emergency operations plan that can address and appropriately plan for the type of crisis that would occur with an accident or explosion involving one of these trains.

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Sincerely,
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