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Dear Mr.Murray,

My wife Donna and I recently moved from Silicon Valley, where we were both Silicon Valley Technology Executives, to Nipomo. We live in Trilogy Monarch Dunes. My wife is retired and I am semi retired. I am an SVP of a Silicon Valley Software Company and sit on numerous advisory boards and boards of directors. I am an independent voice on these boards .I say what I feel and personally believe.

Since we moved to Trilogy two months ago, we became aware of the potential Phillips 66 Rail spur Project. My wife and I are "VERY CONCERNED"!!!!

We moved to SLO county, Nipomo and Trilogy for the quality of lifestyle that SLO county provides. Great weather, No traffic to deal with, a safe and healthy environment, the four beach towns; (Avila, Shell, Pismo & Grover) and the vast selection of wineries and coastal towns to visit with our family and friends.

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Within the first couple of weeks of arriving at our new home in Trilogy, we found out about this Phillips 66 proposed rail spur. The quality of life that we moved here to enjoy we now see as being jeopardized, by this proposed rail spur project. After reading the proposal and attending a couple of meetings, including the South County Advisory Council Meeting held at the NCS D Building in Nipomo, I am even MORE CONCERNED.

Our specific concerns relate to the following:

HEALTH ISSUES: Due to worsening Air Quality. I have bronchitis and this condition could be dramatically effected by increased toxic emissions. There are a large number of retirees living not only in Trilogy Monarch Dunes, but all over SLO county, including the beach communities. Many of these retirees have advanced age medical issues, that would be negatively impacted if this rail spur project is approved and built. The image of SLO County would get a very negative image as a place for retirees to move and for tourists to visit.

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SLO COUNTY SAFETY ISSUES: Potential oil spills, train accidents due to the increased number of trains with 80 tanker cars each, Fires & Explosions.

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NOISE AND LIGHT POLLUTION:

Many of the homes in Trilogy and on the Mesa in general would be subjected to extreme noise from the trains moving on the tracks, the coupling and uncoupling of the cars, and the noise associated with the unloading of the oil and the remaining by products.

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My wife and I have had several friends who are retired like us come down to visit us, and check out the area as a possible retirement location for themselves.

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The refinery rail spur project is also a deterrent to them as well, in considering joining us at Trilogy as a new resident.

On another note, my wife and I are investors in a 150 Acre Winery in San Martin, California. We have been investors for the past ten years. We ship 70,000 Cases of wine each year. We will be looking for additional acreage in the future, to grow additional Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. SLO would be ideal for this expansion. But with this proposed refinery rail project hanging over SLO county, and all of the negative consequences for SLO county and the agricultural industry, we may choose to go to another area to grow our fruit when the time comes, if this rail spur project is approved. .

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Last but not least, when my wife and I looked for our new retirement home, another reason we chose SLO County (Trilogy & Nipomo) was the Land Use Policy. It was intelligent planning. Now the original one mile buffer zone between the homes and the industry activities at Phillips 66 will shrink by two thirds. This is unacceptable!! . This Proposed Phillips 66 Rail Spur Project is inconsistent with our Land Use Policy and will cause a very negative and irreversible economic result for SLO County, (SLO, Trilogy, Nipomo, Arroyo Grande and the four beach communities) .

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Approving the Phillips 66 Rail Spur Proposal is NOT in the best interests of SLO County, its industries ,its economy, its residents, the Cal Poly Students, or the wine industry. The ONLY beneficiary of this project is Phillips 66 and its owners BOTTOM LINE PROFITS.

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VOTE NO: ON THIS PROJECT!!!!!!

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Sincere regards,

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