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The plan actually represents a quadruple threat for California:

1. More trains prone to disastrous derailments, loaded with toxic tar sands oil, would travel directly through communities in our state to Santa Maria.
2. Partially refined tar sands crude would travel back north via pipeline to the Phillips 66 Rodeo refinery in the Bay Area, exposing our state to more spill risk.
3. Toxic air pollution from refining toxic tar sands, and transporting it by train. Even Phillips 66 admits toxic air pollution from the trains will be "significant and unavoidable."
4. All the while, helping to unlock the carbon bomb of the Canadian tar sands, increasing the damage done to California by drought and fires fueled by global warming.

Oil train traffic has been substantially increasing over the past few years - to dangerous effect. More oil spilled from train derailments in 2013 than in the past four decades combined. And that is to say nothing of the 2013 disaster in Lac Megantic, Quebec, where an oil train derailed, unleashing a massive explosion leveling the downtown and killing 47 people.

I do not want the risk of a major derailment on one of the oil-train routes through cities like Sacramento, Oakland, San Jose, Santa Barbara or Los Angeles? It's horrifying.

As the threat of explosive oil trains in our communities grows, and California's climate-change-fueled drought worsens, it should be clearer than ever to officials across California that we simply can not continue to allow unchecked expansion of dangerous fossil fuels and infrastructure.

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