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Subject: Comment re Phillips 66 Railspur Project

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Dear Mr. Murry Wilson,

Thank you for adding my comments to the public record on the Phillips 66 Railspur Project.

I am a resident of Davis, California, and the proposed 80-car crude-oil train headed to the Santa Maria refinery 5 days a week will travel through Davis. I am concerned for a number of reasons.

Two reasons (of several) are:

1. Cumulative impact. For Davis, the SLO rail spur adds the impact of two trains, not just one moving through our community daily. Both the 100 cars to Benicia and the 80 cars to SLO will return each day, as well. For Sac, it's the 5th train! This entire shift to crude-by-rail transport has to be taken into account. The decision of one Board of Supervisors can negatively impact uprail communities all the way to the borders of CA and to the source of the crude. We all live with the threat of more trains as Ca moves toward importing 25% of its crude by rail (CA Energy Commission projection). This critical decision reaches way beyond SLO County!

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2. "High Risk Rail" sections. Trains enter CA by one of three routes all of which include identified "high hazard" rail sections according to Office of Spill Prevention and Response Map. These include coming south through Dunsmuir (the site of a terrible spill that killed life in the Sacramento River for 35 miles for many years recently), through the Feather River Canyon with long stretches of rail on high wooden trestles, and over the treacherous Donner Pass and coming down into Colfax - all marked as high hazard rail stretches on the map. In addition, California has many untrustworthy old bridges not built to carry 100 heavy tank cars regularly or ever, such as the Carquinez Bridge at Benicia. The bridges are only now scheduled to receive minimal inspections for safety, but there is no money for repairs or replacement.

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Thank you.

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