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Subject: P66 Rail Terminal Project

Dear Mr. Murry,

It is with great concern that I write this email to you for your consideration.

Although it is important for the country as a whole, to become oil independent, it is also important for the county of SLO to maintain its beauty and integrity as one of the richest produce producing areas in the United States.

The thought of 520 oil trains, each 1.5 miles long, lumbering through our beautiful coastal community is abysmal. More importantly, dangerous!

In the past, I was a train commuter between Bakersfield and Sacramento as a part of my work. At least three times a year, the Amtrak commuter train that I was riding was involved in some type of rail accident, whether it be with animals, humans or automobiles. In some cases, the fire department had to be called out, but in all cases, it caused delays of hours and, sometimes, we had to be transferred from the train to a bus to finish the trip. In one instance, I recall, the rail lines were damaged and all commuter travel was halted for a period of time in order to repair the rails.

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Given the fact that these oil trains will be carrying an explosive substance, it would be dangerous beyond words to have miles and miles of these trains making their way across our landscape. Not to mention, the impact of the delays at our streets and roads for crossing purposes.

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On a personal level, my husband and I left Bakersfield because of the air quality there, and the lung problems that I was experiencing due to the poor air. We are now in our retirement years, have invested our savings, and then some, in a home on the Central Coast where we plan to live out our lives being able to see the stars at night and have the clean, fresh marine air fill our already damaged lungs. The fact is, I am a three time cancer survivor!

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I beg you to reconsider this horrible plan for a rail terminal in our backyard. There is much of the Central Coast that is uninhabited. Please take your plans there, where there will be less of an environmental impact on people's lives.

With all due respect,

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