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Dear Mr. Wilson,

I'm writing to you today to concerning the proposed rail car spur to the Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery. I have worked at the refinery for the many years and I'm a proponent of the rail spur project , as it will help bring more jobs and revenues to the county. But I don't like the idea of coastal access going through the refinery's property – this would cause a big safety issue, and there are already places where people can gain access to the beaches.

In the years that I have worked in the facility we have proposed projects that have been turned down because of negativity against the oil business.

But the rail spur project should not be denied, as we currently bring rail cars into our Carbon Plant to haul out coke. The rail car spur is just a longer spur and it will enable the refinery to have more throughput, as our crude in the area is getting scarcer. The draft EIR tells how the minor problems like lights and noise can be very easily mitigated.

In the 50 + years that this refinery has been on the Mesa it has been a good neighbor to the surrounding communities, and been a place of employment for many people. It is a business that has generated millions of dollars in revenues for both San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties and it needs to continue operating.

So in closing, I urge you back the permitting of the rail car spur and deny any new public access to the beaches.

Thank you for your time,

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