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Murry Wilson, Environmental Resource Specialist
County of San Luis Obispo
Department of Planning and Building
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Dear Mr. Wilson:

My name is Terry Brannum. I have lived in Arroyo Grande for 49 years. My current occupation is in the Inspection and Planning of Equipment and Piping in the Refining Industry. I am also a Special Inspector for San Luis Obispo County as well as other Jurisdictions (Welding and High Strength Bolting).

I feel that I should voice my opinion regarding the Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery Rail Project, currently under review by your department. I have worked at the Santa Maria Refinery off and on since the early 80s. While large majorities of the people get their information about the Refinery through the media and other less credible sources, I am aware of all of the good things the Refinery provides in our community. I believe the Refinery is genuinely concerned with our environment, as the policies and procedures as well as adherence to Jurisdictional Requirements have historically shown. As well as providing numerous jobs (full time as well as the residual – subcontractors, vendors and the like, they also contribute to many different charities as well as volunteer work, highway clean-up (adopt a highway) and provide internships to name a few. The Rail Project is a reasonable request that should be approved, for the continuing success of the Refinery and its obvious contribution to the community. I am certain that any negative initial input you have heard so far can be managed to provide satisfaction to all parties. I would urge you to approve the EIR as an important first step.

Thank You,

Terry Brannum

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