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Murry Wilson, Environmental Resource Specialist
County of San Luis Obispo
Department of Planning and Building
976 Osos Street, Room 300
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408-2040

Subject: Santa Maria Refinery Rail Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Wilson:

As a resident of San Luis Obispo County for nearly 34 years, I am writing in support of the Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery Rail Project. The refinery provides nearly 200 jobs and has been an important part of our local community for over 50 years. This project will help to provide the much needed head of household jobs which are important to our local economy.

The project at the refinery does not increase production. It only allows the refinery to obtain its crude oil supply from other sources, allowing the refinery to operate efficiently which is key to the refinery's continued economic viability. It is also my understanding that refinery officials have worked closely with County staff to develop a project that has no Class 1 environmental impacts. This is especially impressive when considering its beach front location along the California central coast.

In addition to providing approximately \$1.5 million in needed tax revenue to San Luis Obispo County, the refinery has been an important partner to more than 50 local organizations and institutions, including Cuesta College Athletics, Mesa Middle and Nipomo High Schools, and the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center, to name a few.

I have personally known some of the management and employees at the refinery over the years and have been impressed with their integrity and commitment to safety. I urge support for the certification of the EIR and the approval of proposed project.

Sincerely,



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