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Dear Mr. Wilson:

This letter is in support of the Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery Rail Project. I have worked at the refinery for the past 21 years. My wife, three children, and I live in Arroyo Grande. My family and I, like most people in this area, truly appreciate the splendor and hometown feeling. With three kids going to school we have been involved with many activities and have met many people in the community, including people that live on the Nipomo mesa. The last thing I would want to do is negatively impact these people's lives.

The CEQA process is good as it identifies potential impacts. With the rail project I know two issues have been identified as potential community impacts. Noise and train (diesel) emissions. I have looked at how noise and diesel emission are evident in my daily life.

For noise, I live in the flight path of the SLO airport. From early morning to late evening I hear planes coming and going. I can hear the rumble of turboprops inside my house.

For diesel emissions, I live by the school bus barn. I am frequently behind these buses and exposed to the diesel emissions (as are the children that ride them).

Our purpose at the refinery is to help provide transportation fuel that people desire. This allows people to drive their cars, fly in planes, ride in school buses, transport food and products to market, etc. The train project is needed to allow us to continue to be a part of the transportation fuel industry. Unfortunately, this cannot be done without emissions and in silence.

The fact is that when we live in a community we are all exposed to certain levels of noise and emissions from business activities. However, these activities are providing a benefit to the community. We all know that at elevated levels, noise and emission can have a negative impact. There has to be limits. The train EIR has evaluated these issues and I believe that the impacts are less than significant, just like the planes and school buses I encounter.

Once I again I strongly support the Phillips 66 rail project and hope that the EIR has your support for certification.

Sincerely,



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