

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I have a unique perspective on the Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery Rail Project. Not only do I work at the refinery, but I also have friends that live on the Nipomo Mesa. I have the benefit of two perspectives, and they both lead to the same conclusion. The refinery is good for us. Good for jobs, a great neighbor and a longtime business that needs to keep operating. I have participated in fundraisers that P66 has held for everything ranging from local school programs to scholarships for recent graduates. It provides 200+ for the community and in this economy helps keep morale up. Everyone enjoys working here and all are treated like family no matter where they come from. I know you will have one of the hardest decisions to make but please just know that our Refinery does more good than bad.

The draft EIR spells out the way issues like noise and lights can be managed, and with these points taken care of, there is no reason to deny the application.

I hope you will rise above the emotional and political debate and see the facts that the Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery's request for a rail spur is reasonable and should be approved. Certifying the EIR is a great first step.

Respectfully,

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