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Dear Supervisor Ray and Mr. Wilson;

We are writing in reference to the Phillips Rail Spur Extension Project. After reviewing the Draft EIR, recent articles regarding safety of shipments of crude oil by rail cars, and information on the volatility of "Bakken" crude oil and other petroleum-based products, we are convinced this project should be viewed with great caution and all proposed mitigation measures cited in the EIR should be confirmed for feasibility and effectiveness. Until that takes place, we are vehemently opposed to this project.

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Certainly, the project is more than presented in the title "Rail Spur". It involves new distribution methods, new pumping systems, and more than 22 times the current amount of rail traffic to and from the facility. It involves the probable transport of more volatile oil. Recent articles have confirmed that rail cars are not all constructed to manage the transport of such materials. Until the equipment bringing such shipments into our community is considered to be up to safety standards being currently considered by the FRA, no shipments should be received.

Potential effects on air quality, noise, lights, water usage, and odor are discussed in the EIR with mitigation methods. To our knowledge, Phillips does not have concrete methods to reduce these impacts. Residents along Highway 1, especially in the Nipomo Mesa area, are already dealing with significant air quality issues from Fugitive Dust in the area. Even the slightest impact on this already harmful situation is unacceptable and we vehemently oppose.

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What kind of impact will this have on our housing, tourism, and employment? Trilogy Monarch Dunes is a destination point with a high quality of life. There are plans for a shopping center, an office park, an additional golf course, and possibly a major resort hotel in our community. All these additions will increase jobs in our area as long as the quality of life is maintained. All it takes is one serious incident and we would all be drastically impacted, both physically and economically. We are vehemently opposed to this project.

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Concerns for our Community

- In the last year, there were 4 catastrophic rail accidents involving crude oil. One of the most recent involved the evacuation of an area up to 5 miles wide
- An increase from 18 to 400 rail cars per week
- Potential view of rail cars from Highway 1 and nearby residences
- Noise and light pollution from project. This is a 24-hour operation.
- Documented increase in water usage and possible pollution
- Establishment of another entrance into the Oceano Dunes would create more congested traffic along with air and noise pollution. Also, it would affect Biological impact on wildlife and vegetation.

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Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

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