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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

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I am writing to add my firm's support for the Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery Rail Project. We fabricate pressure vessels, heat exchangers, and miscellaneous industrial equipment for the refinery and have been doing this for over 30 years.

As the discussion over the EIR unfolds, there is risk of it becoming a debate over oil refining in general. Local businesses like mine are counting on decision makers to review the EIR on its face and see what we see, that issues associated with the rail project can be addressed by project conditions. It is clear that refinery officials and regulators have worked long and hard to anticipate potential problems, and have revised their plan to minimize or eliminate concerns. SC-1

The Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery has time and again shown itself to be a business that takes its responsibility to the community, to employees and to the environment seriously. It is important that projects that support local business go forward to allow continued growth in California.

I hope you will consider the refinery's far reaching impacts – positive ones ones—as you review and certify the rail project EIR. I urge support for the project.

Sincerely,

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