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Dear Mr. Wilson,

We are newcomers to the County of San Luis Obispo. When we purchased our home in Nipomo this year, we had no idea about the "Rail Spur Extension" project proposed by Phillips 66. We have researched the core points of this project and have very serious concerns. Foremost is the safety of this project and the impact of such a huge increase in the number of rail cars carrying crude (especially the Bakken crude from Bakersfield). Listed below are some of the hazardous impacts of this project that we believe can't be mitigated: TJ-1

- Disruption of the dunes with new access roads being built. TJ-2
- Lack of rail safety, especially with a 500% increase in cars and transportation of crude. TJ-3
- The "method of distribution" and building of new unloading facilities and pumping systems, then further transporting them via a new pipeline to storage tanks. TJ-4
- Air quality mitigation techniques that may be in conflict with Federal regulations and therefore would prevent them from being implemented. Our air quality is already at a critical point and we often smell the refinery now without this proposed huge increase. TJ-5

In addition to the noise, smell and hazards of crude transportation, we find this invasive project's purpose to be one of "accessing the full range of competitively priced crude oil" but not for California or to generate oil independence, but to be shipped to Asia and other countries so they can build more cars, air conditioners, etc. We believe this project will serve commercial gains and harm our environment and quality of life here in San Luis Obispo county. TJ-6

We know there are many more concerns than outlined in our letter and we respectfully request the Phillips proposal be either rejected outright or delayed considerably until the impact can be mitigated.

Sincerely,

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