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Dear Mr. Wilson:

My wife and I are extremely concerned and worried about the potential "rail spur" project at the Phillips refinery in Nipomo. We feel that shipping crude oil in by rail, instead of by pipeline as it currently is, creates many worrisome issues not only for us and our neighbors here in Trilogy, but also for the entire county and state along the course of the railway where this crude will travel. The recent train derailment in North Dakota (12/13), and the accident last summer in Canada illustrate the potential for a horrible tragedy here in SLO County if this project is okayed.

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Not only the hazards of fire and smoke from a derailment or accident, but the additional air pollution, noise pollution and

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light pollution from all the additional train activity occurring day and night would degrade the quality of living here in the south county. The healthy benefits of living here in SLO County would be diminished.

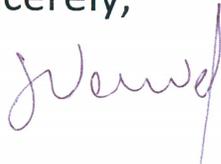
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We are also very opposed to creating a new access to the dunes for OHV activity through the Phillips property. The dust emanating from the dunes needs to be lessened, not increased. This new access would create more noise pollution, dust pollution and traffic congestion on Willow and Highway 1.

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Thank you for your time and appreciate your consideration of these issues in your information gathering process.

Sincerely,



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