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Subject: Santa Maria Refinery Rail Project, comments on Draft EIR

Dear Mr. Wilson;

I am writing to support the installation of the Rail Project at the Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery for several reasons:

- I believe that the DEIR has clearly identified the potential environmental impacts of the project and includes sufficient and justifiable mitigation measures
- The refinery under present configuration, has an excellent safety record and in fact, was one of only three refineries in the nation in 2012 to receive the "Distinguished Safety" award to recognize its outstanding safety record.
- This is an improvement for safe delivery of product to the refinery and does NOT expand the volume or capacity of the refinery.
- I understand that the refinery officials have worked diligently with the County to eliminate/reduce the potential impacts of the project and there are no Class 1 impacts associated with the project

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In addition, I believe the refinery provides a very important community asset in its employment of over 200 jobs, its support of many local organizations, its substantial revenue to the County, and its preservation and stewardship of the ocean property fronting the site.

In short, I believe the DEIR is adequate and that the Commission should certify it as such and approve the project proposal.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Wilson:

I am writing to add my firm's support for the Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery Rail Project. We provide engineering and surveying services to the refinery and have been doing so for 10 years. The professional services we provide to the refinery enables us to hire and retain employees that otherwise might have to move to find jobs outside the area to support their families. These head of household jobs are important as they allow our employees to purchase the day to day items and services that are the foundation of our local economy.

As the discussion over the EIR unfolds, there is risk of it becoming a debate over oil refining in general. Over the course of the 60 years that the refinery has been located here in San Luis Obispo County, it has operated safely and has contributed greatly to the county in terms of jobs, taxes, and supporting local business and nonprofit organizations. 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.

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.

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

Sincerely,

John Wallace
President

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