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Murry Wilson, Environmental Resource Specialist
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Dear Mr. Wilson:

I have lived in the Five Cities area and worked in San Luis Obispo County for the past 25 years. I am an avid surfer and triathlete in the Central Coast so I spend a lot of time outdoors in the Five Cities area and the Nipomo Mesa. I work for Stantec in San Luis Obispo, CA as an environmental consultant and have been working for Phillips 66 at their Santa Maria refinery for the past 22 years.

Phillips 66 has been doing a great job operating their refinery on the Nipomo Mesa in a safe and responsible fashion. They play an active role in supporting the community. During my work at the refinery, the philosophy of the Phillips 66 employees and management is that safety of their employees, subcontractors, and the community is a Number 1 priority. A goal of zero incidents is strived for in all aspects of their business, which includes the work associated with the rail car project.

I have reviewed the EIR for the upcoming rail car project, which is long and comprehensive. I believe that Phillips 66 will be able to continue their superb emphasis on safety and protection of the environment that will allow them to continue operating without incident. WIB-1

Economically, the Phillips 66 refinery provides jobs to many local citizens either as employees and subcontractors. This includes many of my friends who work at the refinery.

Like any business, the refinery needs to change to continue to operate safely and efficiently, much like the changes that have occurred over the past 60 years. The rail car project that is proposed in the EIR can be conducted safe and environmentally sensitive manner and Phillips 66 is the company that can do it.

Based on my review of the EIR and first-hand knowledge of how Phillips 66 operates, I vote yes for the rail project.

Sincerely,

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