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Murry Wilson, Environmental Resource Specialist
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Department of Planning and Building
976 Osos Street, Room 300
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408-2040

RE: Santa Maria Refinery Rail Project

Dear Mr. Wilson:

This letter is in support of the proposed Santa Maria Refinery Rail Project.

I know from my 39 years of experience at the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce how important "base level" jobs are to our economy. This refinery provides almost 200 of these scarce head-of-household jobs; these jobs depend on the refinery's continued operation and thus this rail project. GAD-01

I know there has been some concern about refinery rail projects in general. I have personally done work on site at the Santa Maria Refinery and interviewed employees about their safety culture. I can say without hesitation I have never experienced a more safety-oriented management and workforce. I feel confident that this culture of "safety first, safety everything" will permeate the rail operations and make them as safe as humanly possible.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

David E. Garth
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GAD-01	This comment does not identify a specific environmental analysis or CEQA issue relative to the EIR and compliance with CEQA. The commenter's concerns about jobs are included in the FEIR for the decision-makers' consideration as part of the County's deliberations on the proposed project.