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Dear Mr. Wilson,

I am a resident of property on Highway 58. Like my neighbors and other family members, I am requesting the Department of Planning and Building deny the permit for the Las Pilitas Quarry. It is hard to believe this company has any idea what they are proposing. They obviously have no regard for the residents or for the community itself. The health and safety risks from the trucks weaving all over Highway 58, and pumping exhaust, and particulates into our shared space, belie common sense. I understand the Mining Permit Review Procedure requires that the Planning Commission must demonstrate no harm to the public on health and safety – that cannot be genuinely claimed by those applying for this permit.

A California traffic advisory sign already stands prominently on Highway 58 "not advisable for trucks with trailers". By that they mean not advisable for **a** truck – I can confidently say that would include "not advisable" for 200 - 800 trucks per day. It is not advisable because a truck cannot physically stay in its lane. Please consider what hundreds of trucks a day swinging into oncoming traffic means for the safety of our neighbors who travel this road not only in town but also down to Santa Margarita from the other side of the proposed quarry. It is simply impossible for someone like me who must travel this road, as the only option to get from my property on Highway 58 to Santa Margarita, where I go to the market, and catch the 101 for SLO. Those of us who live on the other side of the quarry from Santa Margarita will be virtually trapped. Even if there were fewer trucks that doesn't change the unsafe path of this road. Any truck, every time, will have to swing into oncoming lanes. This is not safe. There will be accidents as residents maneuvering the road from the other direction veer off the road and into the hillside, or into the truck itself when there is nowhere to go.

I have been on Highway 58 when trucks have ignored the advisory sign. I have seen them bounce along with the arrogant power they feel being the largest vehicle on the road and so not at risk. I have had to stop short, and to veer off. Thankfully this has been a rare occurrence these last twenty years, with the permitting of this project that will change forever. We will have two choices: be trapped, or proceed at tremendous risk every single time we leave.

There is nothing that a study will tell you about the danger and physical impossibility of running these trucks that a short drive won't tell you. This is common sense. No matter how this route is characterized in materials sent by the company applying for the permit, or reports that hedge about its safety, it is necessarily incorrect if it finds Highway 58 safe for truck traffic. Take a drive. See for yourself. Then, promote "the wise use of land" while recognizing there is no way a claim can be made for "no harm to public health and safety". Thank you for your time on this matter of such great importance to the community!

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