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To Whom It May Concern,

I appreciate the opportunity to provide input regarding the EIR scoping process for the Las Pilitas Resources/Oster Quarry proposal.

As a 31-year resident of San Luis Obispo County and frequent visitor to residences and properties in Santa Margarita, along Hwy 58, and beyond, to the border with Kern County, I am very familiar with the proposed truck route for the quarry. I am also familiar with the adjacent proposed Santa Margarita Ranch development(s), the upper Salinas River watershed, and the ground water issues of the immediate area.

It is my opinion that any scoping must include the following:

- resolution of the conflict between the Union Pacific crossing and trucks waiting at the stop at Hwy 58 at El Camino Real
- noise, dust, vibration effects on users of public areas adjacent to the route in Santa Margarita
- noise, dust, vibration effects on residences adjacent to the route in Santa Margarita and beyond, along Hwy 58
- line of sight and stopping distance of heavy trucks in populated areas and at intersections
- road width and road shoulder strength analysis to support heavy truck traffic along route
- economic impacts to residences along route
- mapping and capacity of the ground water basin, with analysis to support the proposed quarry operation as well as existing affected properties and nearby proposed rural uses
- impacts of quarry operations to the Salinas River watershed, anadromous fish populations, amphibious creatures, migratory waterfowl, songbirds and raptors

- impacts of quarry operation to users of the Salinas River waterway
- impacts to night sky/darkness
- long-term economic feasibility plan for the quarry, to forestall subsequent property/project flipping or conservation trust buyouts, at grossly inflated land values.

Thank you for your attention to the scoping process. Everyone who regularly uses or resides along Hwy 58 is expecting an open and thorough EIR process.

Yours,  
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