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Dear Dr. Appy & Mr. MacNeil:

I am vice president of the Wilmington Boat Owners Association, but today I would like to speak as an individual community member. I have reviewed the environmental document and support Plains All American and the Pacific L.A. Marine Terminal it proposes to build on Pier 400. California and Alaska do not have enough oil to keep up with our high demand for many more years. We need to consider our future and build a facility that will help supply our needs. I believe that the Berth 408 project can do that.

Wilmington is in a critical stage. Most of its residents are low income. High gasoline prices are forcing our families to cut back on other necessities. Apart from these sacrifices everyday more and more people are losing their jobs as our economy weakens. I support this project because it will bring decent paying jobs to our communities. This project will help replace some of the infrastructure that has been slowly leaving the Port as well as boost our economy.

This project will not only bring a strong infrastructure and jobs, but it will do so without impacting our community. The plan will not increase road congestion, which is a growing problem in our community because the oil will be transported in pipelines 60 feet underground. In addition to offsetting emissions by 120%, the project proposes to use existing and emerging technologies to eliminate smokestack emissions. This project not only has many benefits but is critical to our future energy needs. I urge you to approve this project.

Sincerely,



Donna Ethington