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Dear Gentlemen:

Although I am the Executive Director for the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, as a resident of Wilmington for more than thirty years, I wish to submit in writing my personal support for Pacific LA Marine Terminal LLC Crude Oil Terminal and recommend the approval of the draft SEIS and SEIR.

Even with our best efforts to free ourselves from foreign imports, demand will continue to grow and we have a responsibility to meet that demand in the best interest of our environment, consumers and economy.

This new terminal will handle the newest and largest tankers available with the capability of handling 25% of Southern California's demand and will do so in a manner that meets or exceeds the Joint Ports Clean Air Action Plan and the DEIR shows that this project will be more beneficial than no project. We all know that if supply can't meet demand then the results are higher prices to the consumer and I think there is little doubt that this impacts lower income families disproportionately. (We need to find a way to make fuel efficient and alternative vehicles available to lower income families).

This project will create thousands of direct and indirect jobs during the construction phase and over 100 full time permanent jobs once the terminal is in operation. This is the growth factor that I feel desperately needs to be added to the green factor. Millions of state and local taxes will be generated annually.

This project is just too important to put on hold; I believe this Terminal will set the bar worldwide for similar operations and urge your support.

Sincerely,



Dan Hoffman