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Dear Dr. Appy & Dr. MacNeil:

Please accept this letter signifying my support of the proposal by Plains All American Pipeline L.P., and its subsidiary, Pacific L.A. Marine Terminal LLC, to design and construct the Pacific L.A. Marine Terminal LLC Pier 400 Project at the Port of Los Angeles.

I have long been impressed by the lengths to which Plains All American Pipeline L.P. has taken in relation to the environmental considerations that the project will incorporate in its master plan. The project will meet the aggressive goals and objectives of the Port's Clean Air Action Plan. Pier 400 will attract the most modern tankers with highly regulated fuel use standards and will be designed for rapid cargo offloading to minimize the time a vessel remains in port. All new storage tanks will be equipped with Best Available Control Technology to reduce emissions to the maximum extent possible. All of these things together mean the overall air quality in our community will be improved. Pier 400 will comply with stringent CARB, EPA and SCAQMD regulatory requirements and offset 120% of berth operation related emissions. I find their willingness to go above and beyond extremely admirable.

The project as proposed, including the capital expended by the Port on behalf of Plains, will generate an estimated 6,300 annual, full-time equivalent, construction jobs. Pier 400, once completed, is estimated to require 230 full time, high-paying, permanent employees in the harbor area with annual wages of approximately \$12.3 million. These local employment opportunities are necessary and very welcome, especially with the uncertainty of our current economy. In addition, this construction and the accompanying jobs will benefit us beyond the harbor area. Pier 400 will generate approximately \$52.8 million in one-time state and local taxes while in the construction phase and about \$6.2 million annually thereafter. A significant influx of much needed tax dollars into state and local coffers.

We need this facility. Los Angeles basin refineries receive crude oil from California and Alaska, but this may not last much longer. The Los Angeles basin refineries will not be able to continue to produce the products to sustain our economy and quality of life without new sources. Pier 400 will assist in replacing this supply by providing the facilities to accommodate tankers from a variety of different sources and if constructed as proposed, will be capable of providing for about 25% of Southern California's refining needs.

David Wright has been diligent, forthright and honorable since the beginning. He has been focused on doing no harm to the environment and on producing a quality addition to the Port Complex that will provide jobs and financial opportunities for our harbor area communities, I find that commendable and I support this project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth R. Brazil