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Dr. Ralph G. Appy,  
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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Los Angeles District Regulatory Division  
c/o Spencer D. MacNeil D.Env.  
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Dear Drs. Appy & MacNeil:

I would like to extend my support for the construction of the Pacific L.A. Marine Terminal, proposed by Plains All America. This project will not only excel in certain areas but in all, from creating jobs to security to the environment. I would like to offer some points on why this resolution should be passed. To begin, this project would provide 10.5 million gallons, meeting 25% of Southern California's crude oil demand. The project would include four million barrels of marine crude oil storage and pipelines that will connect to the existing networks near the port. This facility will be state of the art, offering accommodation to the largest and most efficient tankers. I am also in support because of the environmental standards it will meet. It will employ new environmental mitigations including the phase in use of low-sulfur fuels, AMP and slow steaming of vessels approaching our Port. The shore-side pumping stations to speed offloading and minimize vessel engine use and time at dock offer environmental benefits. Safety and security are big components of this project and I support it because it will go beyond basic standards. Pier 400 will be built to new, more stringent State Lands and Fire Marshall and transportation standards. It will include the latest US Coast Guard and POLA homeland security requirements. My last point of support is the jobs it will create for our community. 172 jobs are estimated, ranging from full time, on-going direct and indirect jobs. These are jobs that we need. Plains All American is offering a project that seems to benefits us in all ways. I hope it will go through and projects with similar benefits may follow.

Respectfully,



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