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Los Angeles District Regulatory Division
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Dear Drs. Appy & MacNeil:

Plains All American Pipeline LP and the Pacific L.A. Marine Terminal LLC on pier 400 is a project that will not only benefit the Port and the local community, but all of southern California. I personally support this project. We all know our infrastructure could be stronger, I believe this project can help. The project will create a strong job foundation and it will help our struggling economy while at the same time caring for the environment.

The project is estimated to create 6,300 annual full-time construction jobs with wages of approximately \$518 million. The terminal will be built with union labor and for maintenance it will need an estimated 230 full time permanent jobs. These will benefit the working class around the port. The taxes generated will flow into our economy, giving it some help. It will produce approximately \$52.8 million in one-time state and local taxes in the construction phase and over \$6 million annually thereafter.

The manner in which it will be run will be more efficient and much safer than how the process is now. The terminal will be able to accommodate the most energy efficient and environmentally friendly supertankers. The project will not affect road congestion since transportation of the oil will be occurring 60 feet underground. The most impressive part is that the terminal will have the capacity of providing southern California with approximately 25% of our oil needs.

Plains All American Pipeline LP is a strong and diligent company that has not taken a break. David Wright has been on top of his work and has always thought about the community when preparing this facility. The Pacific L.A. Marine Terminal on pier 400 has my support.

Sincerely,

Joe Gatlin