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Subject: Public Comment for Next Port Commissioners Meeting
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Dear Port of Stockton Commissioners,

My name is JoAnn a Sagara and I am a resident of Stockton. I oppose Golden State Natural Resources' (GSNR) project and bid for an export terminal because Stockton is a disadvantaged community under AB 617 in a nonattainment air quality zone. The Port of Stockton and its tenants are a pollution concern for our community. The GSNR project will increase air pollution during a time when we are doing everything we can to reduce air emissions. I personally suffer from asthma and know dozens more with the same or similar chronic breathing issues. These wood pellet storage facilities have been shown again and again to self-immolate, explode, and cause disastrous effects to the surrounding neighborhoods. The Port of Richmond already REJECTED to having this kind of facility built. That should be telling enough of how averse people are towards this project. I ask the Port of Stockton to not enter into any agreement with GSNR.

Thank you for your attention.

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Port of Stockton Board of Commissioners
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To the Port of Stockton Board of Commissioners,

Valley Improvement Projects (VIP) is a non-profit organization that works to improve the quality of life of underrepresented and marginalized residents of California's Northern San Joaquin Valley by advocating for social and environmental justice. VIP is greatly concerned with the Port of Stockton's plans to consider entering into a tenancy agreement with Golden State Natural Resources (GSNR) on a project to store and ship highly-flammable wood pellets made from forest biomass. This project would have severe negative impacts for surrounding communities in South Stockton including a host of transportation related air pollution in the form of additional ocean going vessels in our already congested delta waterways and increases in heavy duty truck traffic in our crowded trucking lanes and surrounding roadways. The project has claimed they will utilize rail to reduce truck traffic, but these claims are dubious at best considering numerous projects at the Port of Stockton have already faced significant delays resulting from the region's inadequate rail infrastructure. The project also still has yet to notice or hear from the many communities their trucks will traverse from mill to Port, communities that will bear the brunt of this increased traffic.

We ask that you agendize the GSNR project in order to have a critical and robust conversation about the project and its impacts, solidifying this discussion and relevant presentations and data in the public record. As part of this, we ask you to invite scientists who have studied the impacts of this project to share their findings with the Port of Stockton. We also ask that you hold a joint meeting with the staff of the Port of Stockton as well as local partners and organizations to discuss the impacts that this project would have on surrounding communities.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to having this discussion with you.

Sincerely,

Gavin Bruce
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