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Subject: Why I love the dunes and why they need to remain open
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> To whom it may concern,

> Hello my name is James Claborn from Santa Maria, California and I'm writing today to tell you how much the Oceano dune Svra area means to me. I grew up in Arizona and would always look forward to our trips to the central coast for its beautiful hills, oceans, and awesome weather. We moved here when I turned 18 and It's not cheap living here, especially coming from AZ but it is so worth it being near the beach. I have severe anxiety and depression and was diagnosed just a couple years ago. I'm also a Gay man and have been bullied my entire life, and yes it still continues. The dunes are my escape my home away from home. No one out there judges you or makes you feel bad they all help out and it's a giant family and community. Actually I haven't felt a better connection with any other group then I have with the friends of ocean dunes I've never once had a bad experience. So much love an joy out there. So many different cultures and diversity, everyone loves to have fun and let loose on an atv or kick back and relax in a tent by the beach. My friends, family and I come to the dunes all the time, it's such a great bonding experience from the young ones to the old ones. My Nana And Grandpa bring there mini van out here to enjoy a good time and there lil pup"Ocean" Every time I hear about people trying to close more and more of the dunes I get very sad and even cry, we have already lost so much dunes from what my parents tell me. They grew up here and said you could ride from the Santa Maria riverbed all the way to pismo. I can't believe you're not able to do that anymore so very sad all the families friends and recreation out there not knowing if someone if going to take that freedom away. We have so many famous people that know us because of our dunes such as , Rihanna, Nick Jonas, Jay Leno, and Chris Hemsworth, just to name a few who have expericed and worked on our beautiful dunes. So please coastal commission please take a look from both perspectives, This place means everything to me it's the only place in our area that makes me feel like ME , and I'm not sure what I would be without it.

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> Sincerely, James Claborn

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> Sent from my iPhone