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Hello Gentlemen,

First, thank you for all of your time on this important matter. I know firsthand how highly charged and complex this issue is. My name is Mariam Shah and I am a city councilmember in Grover Beach. I am also the Vice-Chair of the Air Pollution Control District Board. I am not writing to you on behalf of either of those bodies, but would like to offer a few opinions on the proposed Order of Abatement that I have as someone who has become very familiar with this topic.

On one hand, I applaud the proposed settlement as I believe it is the closest we have come to any form of real solution and consensus on this issue. I do have some concerns. First, why the delay until 2020 on installing the sand track-out program for the Grand and Pier Avenue entrances? This solution seems like something that all would agree to as it doesn't affect riding in any way. Personally, I would love to see this happen in my city, Grover Beach, ASAP. Also, the area of proposed fencing looks significant, but the actual reduction in PM10 still doesn't appear to be that large. For example, the levels at the CDF monitors will still be very significant.

As a government official, I understand that these things take time, but please also keep in mind that these residents have waited nearly a decade for some sort of significant relief, and I am not sure that this gets us there. The idea of revisiting this plan every year for the next five years gives countless more opportunities for excuses and delays. We have heard from our County Health Officer, the American Lung Association and countless others that this issue requires immediate attention. A 5-year solution with only year 1 actually having a concrete plan just isn't reflective of what our area needs.

This issue fractures our community, physically harming some and leaving others in limbo about future plans for an area they love. I would ask that for everyone's sake, we don't drag this out for another five years.

Thank You, Mariam Shah, City Council Member Grover Beach

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