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TO: CHRIS BEALE, DRECP ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
JAMES RAMOS, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SUPERVISOR

AS A 25 YEAR RESIDENT OF YUCCA VALLEY, PRESIDENT/CEO OF CATALYST DEVELOPMENT, A LEADING SOFTWARE PUBLISHING COMPANY BASED IN YUCCA VALLEY, AND PRESIDENT & DIRECTOR OF SEVERAL NON-PROFITS IN THE JOSHUA TREE GATEWAY COMMUNITIES I AM STRONGLY COMPELLED TO EXPRESS MY SERIOUS CONCERNS REGARDING THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND ITS EFFECT ON OUR PRESENT COMMUNITIES AND HABITATS.

I FULLY APPRECIATE THE NEED TO AGGRESSIVELY PURSUE THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY ALTERNATIVES TO MEET OUR GROWING DEMANDS. HOWEVER, A QUICK AND EXPEDIENT DECISION AT THE EXPENSE OF LONG TERM, IRREVERSIBLE DESTRUCTION OF OUR QUALITY OF LIFE AND THE MOST IMPORTANT REQUIREMENT OF MAINTAINING WILDLIFE CORRIDORS TO PROTECT THAT WHICH WE LOVE... THE WILDLIFE OF OUR DESERT COMMUNITIES... IS EXTREMELY SHORT SIGHTED.

CONSERVATION NEEDS TO BE CAREFULLY AND THOUGHTFULLY PLANNED. HAVING REVIEWED THE RECOMMENDED AREAS THAT CONSERVATION EFFORTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AND APPLIED TO, AS LISTED IN THE ATTACHMENT TO MY LETTER, I'M IN TOTAL AGREEMENT WITH.

THE KIND OF PROJECTS THAT I STRONGLY OBJECT TO THAT ARE SO HARMFUL TO OUR MOST SENSITIVE LANDS INCLUDE THE SODA MOUNTAIN AREA AND SILURIAN VALLEY.

I AM STRONGLY AND CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTIVE OF EXPANDING OUR RENEWABLE ENERGY INITIATIVES... BUT

MY SUPPORT IS FOR THOSE PROJECTS THAT DON'T IMPACT NEGATIVELY COMMUNITIES AND THE LIFE STYLE AND ANIMAL HABITATS WHEREBY THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY RENEWABLE ENERGY IMPLEMENTATION CAUSES IRREPARABLE DAMAGE AND LOSSES TO FUTURE GENERATIONS.

I SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE THE EXPANSION OF ROOFTOP SOLAR, INCREASING EFFICIENCY AND UTILIZATION OF EXISTING PROJECTS THAT COULD EFFICIENTLY HANDLE EXPANDED USE OF THOSE FACILITIES. WITH THE RIGHT INCENTIVES INDUSTRY & VARIOUS LOCAL COMMUNITIES COULD BE MOTIVATED TO DEVELOP PROJECTS IN THE RIGHT PLACES THAT WOULD NOT RESULT IN NEGATIVE OUTCOMES.

WHEN THINKING AND PLANNING FOR FUTURE NEEDS, PLEASE RECOGNIZE AND CONSIDER HOW THESE DECISIONS WOULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT OUR FUTURE QUALITY OF LIFE AND THE PRECIOUS WILDLIFE WHICH IS UNIQUE TO OUR DESERT COMMUNITIES, WITH TOURISM BEING THE LEADING ECONOMIC ENGINE IN THE JOSHUA TREE GATEWAY COMMUNITIES, YOUR DECISIONS COULD RESULT IN A MAJOR DECLINE IN THAT ECONOMIC BENEFIT.

WITH RESPECT,

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