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To: Chris Beale, and James Ramos,

I have been an eight year resident of the Mojave Desert. Six of these years in Kern County, and two of them in San Bernardino. I moved to the desert from the east coast because I fell in love with the scenic wonder of the region. I have since embraced the culture, and have authored several guide books about the desert.

I find it disheartening that my desert has come under attack by the renewal energy industry. I see areas that just a year ago were prestine desert, now stripped clean of vegitation, with massive solar panels and wind turbines covering an area that animals once called home.

I feel that areas that are currently undisturbed should remain undisturbed. By terraforming these lands, we are creating a negative impact on important wildlife corridors, and further endangering their well being. Please see the attachment for a complete list of these areas.

In regard to lands near National Parks, these lands are special for their scenic views, it is probable that these developments could negatively impact business in these regions. Living in Joshua Tree, and having many business owner friends near Death Valley and the Mojave National Preserve - I would not want to see their businesses in jeopardy due to lower numbers of visitors.

Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns.

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