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Regarding the proposed large scale solar energy projects in the Mojave Desert region:

As proposed, I believe the concept of "environmentally responsible utility-scale solar energy projects" is fundamentally flawed. The environmental resources of the Mojave Desert are already at risk due to a number of human caused threats, and these resources need greater protection and better stewardship, not the massive damage inflicted by proposed large scale solar energy projects.

Desert communities depend economically on a sustainable recreation and tourism that depends upon the desert's scenic and natural resources; the proposed utility-scale solar energy projects would place this vital economic base in jeopardy.

America needs renewable energy, but inflicting further damage to desert lands is unnecessary. Population centers in California and the Southwest have hundreds of thousands of acres of useable commercial, private, and public rooftop area perfectly suited to solar energy generation, and I strongly prefer that alternative over one that unnecessarily damages natural and economic desert resources.

Thank you,

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