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SunZia Southwest Transmission Project
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Dear Mr. Garcia,

I am writing to express my belief that routing the proposed SunZia transmission lines, with associated towers and roads, through the San Pedro Valley would be wrong. Further, it would be the kind of action that future generations will look back on as an unforgiveable act of disregard for the health of the world we share with each other.

In my most recent trip to the Cascabel and Benson area, I spent considerable time studying the terrain and topography, trying to envision how the proposed route might be constructed without irrevocable damage to the area. My attempts were in vain; no matter how I placed the towers, the roads and the lines, there was no escaping the fact that the proposal is monstrous. This valley is one of the last remaining corridors in the Southwest which is more or less intact and available to animal and plant life for growth and dispersal. To alter it in the way proposed by the SunZia project would be unforgiveable.

Not just in the USA, but all over the world, people will need to change their approach to "using" the land. I believe that in the long run as well as in the short run, here in our country, we would be best off to focus on producing the bulk of our energy where we live, and on living sustainably within the constraints of our climate, seasons, geology and geography.

Where routes must be found for projects such as this (and I question the necessity of them; re-shaping our thinking again), would we be not be better off to make use of existing areas already remodeled by human activity? In this case, the I-10 pathway is available. To the investors in SunZia who think that the San Pedro might be preferable due to offering a shorter route, I would say that the San Pedro Valley is not, and will not ever be, an option.

Thank you for your hard work and consideration.

Sincerely,
Clifford (Joe) Baker