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August 19, 2025

Mr. Joseph Stout
State Director
Bureau of Land Management
2800 Cottage Way, Suite W1623
Sacramento, CA 95825

RE: Support for the Soda Mountain Solar and Battery Storage Project

Dear Director Stout:

I am writing in support of the Soda Mountain Solar and Battery Storage Project. This project promises significant benefits not only to our region but also to the state of California as a whole.

The proposed project includes a 300 MW solar facility and 1,200 MWh of battery storage, which is enough to power over 140,000 homes, or nearly one-fifth of all households in San Bernardino County. This project will be a crucial step in stabilizing California's power grid, reducing the risk of energy price spikes, and preventing rolling blackouts.

While the initial plan was for a solar-only facility, the updated proposal improves upon this by incorporating battery storage and reducing the project's footprint. The new design places the project near key infrastructure, including Interstate 15 and the future Southern California-to-Las Vegas rail line, significantly minimizing any environmental or visual impact. The project will bring numerous positive impacts to the region, including job creation, increased local tax revenue, and long-term investments in infrastructure.

I urge approval of the Soda Mountain Solar and Battery Storage Project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my District Office at (909) 335-0271.

Sincerely,

ROSILICIE OCHOA BOGH
Senator, 19th District