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Respectfully,  
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Mr. Solorio,

As a resident of Ridgecrest since 1987, I have used the route of old Highway 396, better know as Brown Rd., on about a weekly basis. This route wonderful for bicycle riding as it is peaceful and away from the danger of fast moving vehicles traveling the nearby highway. I also use this road often for access to hiking in the hills and each time I drive or ride the route, I see others enjoying it also. In addition, many residents of Ridgecrest and Inyokern(this road connects to two) use it for everyday transport. Brown Rd. provides access to a popular tourist spot for viewing petroglyphs and volcanic formations.

I am concerned about the possible degradation of the road by development of the proposed Solar Plant. I understand that the company does not assume responsibility for damaging the road by heavy equipment used for construction of the plant. This is quite irresponsible. Although this area may seem desolate and unpopulated, I can assure you that many use Brown Rd. and such damage would severely impact travel for business and leisure.

I urge you to apply appropriate considerations on this matter in planning the project.

Sincerely,

Melissa Parkinson

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