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Mr. Christopher Meyer
Project manager
Siting, Transmission & Environmental Protection (STEP) Division
California Energy Commission
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Dear Mr. Meyer:

On August 8, 1959, my mother made the initial payment on the purchase of 40 acres of land (0529-281-21-000APN, San Bernardino County, California) in Newberry Springs. The Grant Deed was recorded in the names of my mother, brother and my self on July 24th 1968. My mother, now deceased, initiated this purchase as an investment in the future for my brother and me. Understandably, we have an emotional attachment to this land as well as having owned and paid taxes on it for over 50 years.

Our land is located just south of Pat Jackson's property. I know you are aware of Pat's fight to maintain access to his property as well as that of others. My brother and I feel that Pat speaks on our behalf as well as his own and we are behind him 100%.

I well understand that times have changed in the past half century that we have owned our land and that progress is being made in the surrounding property that is being developed for solar energy. This is certainly good use of the land and it is not our intent to stand in the way of progress.

Up to now we have closely monitored the situation as events unfolded. We now feel that it is time to put our thoughts to you in writing.

Please know that my brother and I are open and willing to sell our land at an equitable price. Past offers have not reflected the lands true value and have been rejected.

More importantly, we have had free access to our land for more than 50 years. Now that access has been cut off. This is not right and I believe a reasonable person would agree with us. My brother, I and the other property owners in the same situation urgently need your help in preserving free access to our land. We look to you to help us correct this situation.

Yours truly,

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