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My name is Anita Nicklen, I am a resident of Imperial Valley, I am a mother of two kids, I don't have grand children yet, but I expect to have them one day, and I want them to enjoy the landscape and the open space that is being reduced more and more.

I want to let you know that I am 100% for solar and renewable energy but done the smart way.

Sunrise Powerlink is a bad idea. I can't believe that 6,140 acres of federal land are about to be ruined forever because the ecosystem in the desert is completely different from other areas and it is very fragile. My 12 year old daughter has a trampoline in our yard, guess what happens when we leave it on the same spot for too long, the grass dies. This is what's going to happen with those solar dish suncatchers.

I think that distributed rooftop photovoltaics will do the job. You should also offer incentives to family and business that reduce energy consumption. I think that the government has to set the example because many public buildings are wasting energy unnecessarily, for example, buildings are being built with no windows (e.g school, classrooms, and the building where we had the hearing last night) the lights have to be on the whole day, plus the heater/airconditioning because of the lack of insulation. You can enforce certain type of regulations to avoid this type of situation. By remodeling these buildings, installing rooftop photovoltaics, by putting more insulation, plenty of jobs will be created.

Why do we always have to sell to big businesses, why don't you motivate small business and more entrepreneurship, this way the capital will stay in our community, this money will circulate and generate more jobs. This big companies usually take the profit and never reinvest a single penny in our community.

As a mom and as a citizen, I am embarrassed to continue taking away more resources that belong to future generations, and on top of that we are worse than rodents because we are destroying the environment.

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