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support for continuing to develop the lithium industry

Blue Ribbon Commission,

I am writing today to explain my support for continuing to develop the lithium industry in Imperial County. I appreciate the Commission's concern for our community and the resources within it, which have been underserved for decades.

While I value the Commission's focus on supporting the Salton Sea revitalization, it's my understanding that substantial tax revenue generated from lithium production has already been set aside for the restoration of the Salton Sea under new state law.

The process laid forth by strict, California's regulations, as well as current environmental funding, provides me full confidence that this project will satisfy our environmental needs, while helping to fuel California's clean energy future.

Let's continue to work together to improve these projects and focus on finding the best path forward that balances our need for environmental revitalization and clean energy, allowing Imperial Valley to thrive to secure our future here in Imperial County.