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Lithium Valley must succeed for all

To whom it may concern,

“Green energy” in first world countries usually comes from the expense of a over-exploited nation. But Lithium Valley is in the southwest corner of the US, in the most underresourced and farmed areas in California. The water and land that surrounds the Salton Sea is a danger to many communities in the Valley and abroad. I grew up with the water at the base of Sunny Bono’s Rock Hill Trail, I understood that the contamination in the body of water was identical to The Simpson’s movie biotoxic lake. The Rio Nuevo is one of the most polluted bodies of running water. The Lithium extraction is successful must include the benefit of the communities that will be impacted directly and indirectly. The Lithium Excise Tax Funding Plan is the start of how the geothermals will provide for a better quality of life for the communities around.

As of September 2, 2024, Berkshire Hathaway's net worth was \$1,027.67 billion. This makes Berkshire Hathaway the world's eighth most valuable company by market capitalization.

If corporations would share the wealth their profit to the communities they want to work in before arriving it would be easier to accept you. Esports, County Fairs and Little League’s are great but we need infrastructure related to EV and Lithium based industries. Zero emission busses and public spaces like parks and libraries.

The money that is being poured in our communities show how much this white gold mine is in demand. I understand from the BHERM’s Lithium Recovery Demonstration Final Project Report that it was a difficult process trying to extract the lithium through mediums.

I suggest using more of the budget to have biggest community input spaces and access to the marvelous new world that we are taping into. I absolutely expect the next 20 years to be a tough climb to see profit but I recommend investing in the communities that will receive the more blunt end of the bargain. We have a history of being ignored, but now it’s difficult to ignore us.

With hope,
Ismael Arvizu