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>>> Dennis Nowicki <dnowicki77@gmail.com> 2/10/2010 7:16 PM >>>
Dear Mr. Kessler,

I am writing this email to ask that you consider allowing the Brightsource Energy project near Ivanpah, NV, to go forward as that company has planned. This project is one of many that should be coming to the San Bernardino County and Mojave Desert areas in the coming years. With the current economic conditions the area faces, Brightsource is providing a much needed service, energy, and over 1,000 construction jobs to the area. Those jobs are few and far between in San Bernardino County.

The best reason I can relate is the impact of energy costs Brightsource will have on California. My parents, who own a home in both San Bernardino County and Meadview, AZ (in neighboring Mohave County), have seen their electric bill cut by a total of \$600/year in Arizona. At nearly the same time, they recieved a letter from California stating that their energy bill would increase by an estimated \$600/year. The letter from Arizona explained that the cost reduction was a result of California purchasing energy from Arizona [because California could not produce its own].

Our Governor in California has repeatedly stated his support for solar energy projects in the desert. His comment, "if you can't build solar energy projects in the desert, where the hell else can you put them," says it all concerning the desire of those of us seeking new energy alternatives while employing local residents to build these projects. With an unemployment rate exceeding 18% in the desert community areas, it should be required of local elected leaders to justify their oppositon to this job-creation opportunity with their own plan to make up for the 1,000 estimate jobs that Brightsource would be providing.

And personally, I would like to see alternative energy projects created wherever feasable. I am an Army Captain days away from a third Middle East deployment - and can confirm that one of the main reasons the U.S. Army has been in Iraq for the better part of a decade is because of the need to control the oil supply coming out of that region. Brightsource will not be the end-all to the United States' conversion away from Middle Eastern oil, but it will be a great start.

Finally, my high school friend, Keith Marcione, is a member of the local union and a resident of Hesperia. He has informed me that all of his union members from Barstow to Victorville to San Bernardino will be needed for the construction requirements at Ivanpah. He also noted that the only reason Las Vegas is being used is because of the amount of construction workers needed to complete the project in the 18-24 month window. Construction jobs have been hit the hardest in San Bernardino County during this Great Recession.

With the government revenue and energy development Brightsource will provide, our local elected opposition should justify giving up this energy development and job creation by providing their own feasable plan for either job creation or energy development. Short of that, they are simply government becoming the problem instead of being part of the solution.

Please consider approving this project. From a guy who is headed to another tour of duty in Iraq (with the issue of energy development a very big

reason), I very respectfully ask your approval in this Brightsource project.

Thank you,

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