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To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a concerned member of the science class at Saint Leo University in Florida. We studied the proposal in class and I strongly disagree with your rationale behind the matter of approving the Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System (ISEGS). My opinion on the subject of placing solar panels and towers in the Mojave Desert will ultimately have more environmental impacts than benefits. The solar towers and panels will provide energy to the town fifty miles away, however, what about the wildlife that resides in the desert?

One of the main species is the endangered tortoise. These innocent creatures are one of the top endangered species in the United States. From disease, vehicles, urbanization and climate change, tortoises have slowly decreased in the recent years. As the Mojave Desert is public land I feel that is my duty to stand up for the creatures and oppose the ISEGS project. For what would be more rational, to provide solar energy that is not a particular necessity or to save an animal that has been around for thousands of years and won't ever be replaced if gone extinct?

Sincerely Yours,

Brittany Groubert

