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Dear Energy Commission,

This is so important I feel I must write to you. Our desert environments are valuable resources in many ways and provide habitat for a diversity of wildlife. The Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) must include long-lasting wildlife protections, preservation of key landscapes like the Soda Mountain area and Silurian Valley, as well as resilient habitats for climate change adaptation. It also needs much more detailed analysis of where the right places are for solar, wind and geothermal power plants. Let's be sure we put energy projects on more degraded lands, and create stronger protections for wildlife habitat, water quality and air quality at the same time.

Please direct your staff to develop a revised Supplemental plan that addresses the draft's flaws, analyzes development areas in much greater detail, and provides protections for California's desert wildlife and habitats that last as long as the impacts of renewable energy development.

There is no reason that we have to do a poor job o developing energy needs to satisfy some imaginary ideas of what we need. We shouldnt continue in our shortsighted ways claiming that we have to do things in the same destructive manner. Lets do this right and work together to build a livable future.

Thank you for considering my views on my home ground-the Mojave desert.

Sincerely,

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