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Adrian Garcia
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301 Dinosaur Trail
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

Re: SunZia Southwest Transmission Project Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Adrian Garcia:

This letter is written in support of the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project. I have followed this project for many years – first as a news reporter, and more recently as a New Mexico State Representative for District 32. Since the transmission line is proposed to travel through three counties I represent (Luna, Hidalgo and Grant), I have watched the developments carefully.

SunZia has always had a representative in our area who keeps local officials and the public updated on progress. Having family and friends in the agricultural business, I am aware that SunZia has worked to satisfy property owners' needs and gain their support of the project. I understand the alternate routes should improve the right of way given in 2016 since the route now stays out of White Sands Missile Range Call Up Area and provides for an improved river crossing site. I commend SunZia for their efforts to compromise and work with stakeholders.

The economic benefits SunZia will bring rural counties and the State of New Mexico is tremendous as outlined by the many studies over the years. I see SunZia and the associated renewable projects as a much needed supplement to local and state revenues.

Thank you for your consideration of a favorable route for the SunZia Project, and I urge a timely resolution.

Sincerely,

Candie G. Sweetser