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New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board
c/o New Mexico Environment Department
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Re: Support for Air Quality Permit Applications for Project Jupiter (Yucca Growth Infrastructure)

Members of the Board,

As a City Councilor for District 5 in Sunland Park, I am constantly thinking about how our community can create lasting opportunities for the people who call Sunland Park home. Families here value hard work, family traditions, and the culture that makes our border region so unique. They want their children to have good options without having to leave the place where they grew up. That is why I am writing in support of the air quality permit applications for Project Jupiter.

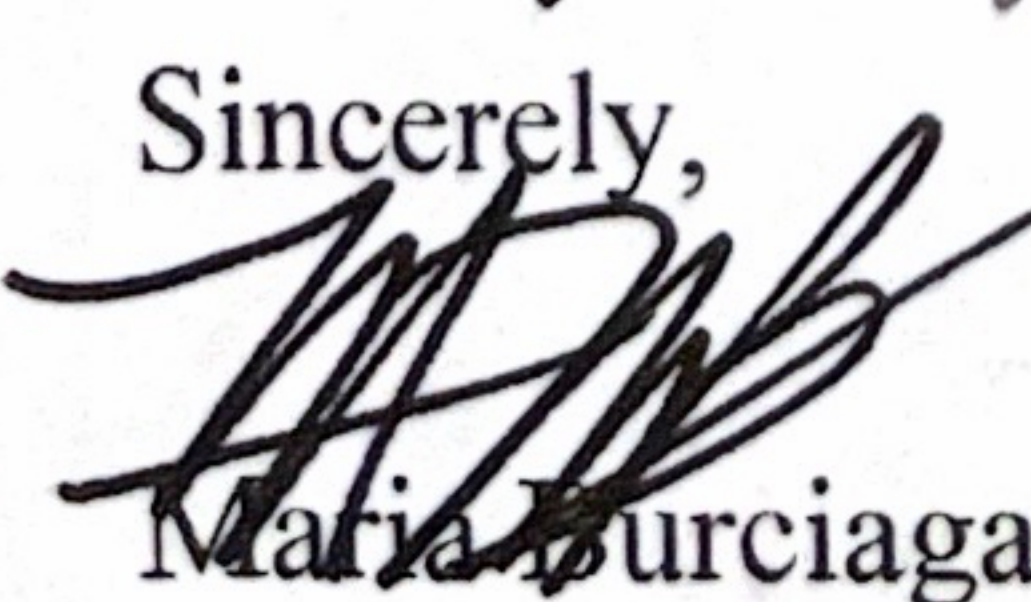
Project Jupiter offers the kind of economic opportunity that can strengthen a community for generations. The thousands of construction jobs and the many long term roles that follow would provide steady, well-paying employment for residents. When people have stable, well paying jobs, they can support their families, keep up with household needs, and enjoy a better quality of life. These jobs also help keep families together, giving young adults a reason to build their future in Sunland Park rather than moving away.

Education and workforce development are equally important. The project's commitment to partnering with local schools, workforce programs, and higher education institutions will help prepare our youth for the careers growing in our region. When young people can access training and find meaningful work in their own community, they gain confidence, purpose, and a sense of belonging. This directly supports our long term goals for empowering youth and creating pathways that honor our culture and traditions. I also appreciate that the project funds its own infrastructure, including power and water systems. This responsible planning ensures that growth does not place additional burdens on local families, and that new development supports rather than strains our shared resources.

Sunland Park families deserve opportunities that allow them to thrive without having to compromise the values that make our community special. Project Jupiter can help us build a stronger economy while protecting our quality of life and supporting the next generation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

 7/4/2026

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