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As many New Mexico families understand all too well, one of the most common health conditions caused or exacerbated by air pollution is asthma. The percent increase in asthma prevalence in New Mexico from 2015 to 2025 is approximately 24.1%. Childhood asthma has become an epidemic in our state. Of asthma-sufferers in southern New Mexico, approximately 1 out of 5 children are hospitalized annually for their asthma conditions.

Project Jupiter is projected to emit more than 14 million tons of greenhouse gases annually. This emission level surpasses the combined emissions of New Mexico's two largest cities, Albuquerque and Las Cruces, which together emit approximately 6.7 million metric tons of greenhouse gases each year. Additionally, the project is expected to emit nearly 500 tons per year of nitrogen oxides from its microgrids.

Simple science tells us if this additional amount of air pollution is permitted we can plan ahead for our children to have increased asthma and health issues.

I have worked for over 25 years visually documenting communities riddled with air pollution. Have documented children suffering from pain and breathing trauma from asthma. We owe the next seven generations much better futures than this. I am asking a simple request: please let the health and well being of our children and their children stand in front of the billions of dollars driving Project Juniper.

What kind of legacy do you want to leave for your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Did you do the right thing? We need to say "NO" to Project Jupiter air pollution. Please think of the next seven generations and how your decisions will effect their lives.