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As a resident of Doa Ana County, and a generational New Mexican, I am writing in support of Project Jupiter.

Like many New Mexicans, I left the state after graduating from high school because the opportunities I was looking for simply were not here. Fifteen years later, I returned because New Mexico is home. I wanted to build my life here, but like so many others, I still faced the reality that too many of our young people leave in search of careers elsewhere.

For as long as I can remember, governors and community leaders have talked about one of New Mexico's greatest challenges: we educate talented young people, and then we watch them leave because there are not enough career opportunities to keep them here. Many never return.

Project Jupiter gives me hope that we can begin changing that story. It represents the kind of investment that can create good-paying jobs, attract new industries, and provide opportunities for future generations to build successful careers without leaving the state they love.

I also appreciate the project's efforts to address community concerns, including its commitment to operate independently from the local power grid and its updated energy approach designed to help protect local air quality.

This project is about more than a single investment. It is about creating opportunities so that more New Mexicans can stay, return home, and build their futures here.

I respectfully urge the New Mexico Environment Department to approve Project Jupiter.