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New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board
New Mexico Environment Department
1190 St. Francis Drive, Suite N4050
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Public Comment in Support of Air Quality Permit Applications for Project Jupiter (Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC)

Members of the Environmental Improvement Board,

As Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Community Builders International (CBI), I am pleased to offer my support for the air quality permit applications submitted by Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC for Project Jupiter in Doña Ana County.

For decades, Community Builders International has worked alongside communities, businesses, and public-sector partners to create places where people want to live, work, invest, and raise their families. Our work has reinforced a simple principle: successful communities are built through thoughtful planning, strong partnerships, and sustained private investment. Economic opportunity is one of the fundamental building blocks of healthy, vibrant communities.

From that perspective, Project Jupiter represents more than a single development project. It represents an opportunity to strengthen Southern New Mexico's long-term economic foundation. Investments of this magnitude create momentum that extends far beyond the project site, supporting local businesses, creating employment opportunities, attracting additional private investment, and encouraging the infrastructure improvements necessary to accommodate future growth.

Community development is about much more than constructing buildings or expanding infrastructure. It is about creating places where families have confidence in their future, where businesses choose to invest, and where young people can envision building careers without leaving the communities they call home. Projects that generate quality jobs and diversify local economies contribute directly to those objectives by strengthening the communities that surround them.

Throughout our work, we have seen firsthand how transformational investments create positive ripple effects across an entire region. They encourage new housing, support commercial development, expand retail and service opportunities, improve community amenities, and create a stronger tax base that allows local governments to invest in roads, parks, public safety, and other essential services. These outcomes help build communities that are more resilient, more attractive to employers, and better positioned for long-term success.

Equally important, successful community development requires balancing growth with responsible stewardship of natural resources. Residents expect development to occur in a manner that protects air quality, respects environmental standards, and reflects thoughtful planning. We

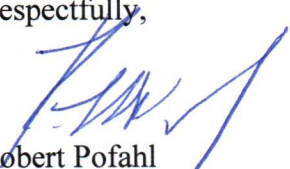
believe New Mexico's environmental review process provides the appropriate framework to ensure projects are evaluated through sound science, transparency, and public engagement. When projects demonstrate compliance with those standards and remain responsive to community input, they deserve the opportunity to move forward.

Southern New Mexico possesses tremendous assets, including its strategic location, entrepreneurial spirit, available land, and growing workforce. Project Jupiter has the potential to build upon those strengths while creating opportunities that benefit not only Doña Ana County, but communities throughout the state. Responsible investment of this scale sends a positive message that New Mexico is prepared to support well-planned development that enhances both economic prosperity and quality of life.

For these reasons, Community Builders International supports approval of the air quality permit applications submitted by Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC. We appreciate the Environmental Improvement Board's careful consideration and its commitment to ensuring New Mexico continues to grow through thoughtful planning, responsible development, and collaboration.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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