



SANTA FE GREEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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On behalf of the Santa Fe Green Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to demonstrate our support for SunZia's Southwest Transmission Project. Our organization is dedicated to advancing sustainable and clean jobs in our community as well as the state, and this project checks all the boxes.

For years, we have worked to empower our local businesses to implement measures such as water conservation, energy efficiency, and other available programs that will ensure our limited resources are being conserved while still benefiting our local economies. The SunZia project would accelerate similar efforts at a much larger scale. Adding more renewable energy projects will greatly reduce our reliance on extractive industries, conserve water, bolster our economy, and create clean jobs.

With over 300 days of sunshine and abundant wind capacity, we have all the ingredients to bring forth a sustainable energy future. What we're missing now are the utensils to move the energy to where it's needed. Great parts of our current transmission infrastructure are nearly a hundred years old and built to accommodate a smaller population. The SunZia line will have the capacity to move an estimated 4,500 MW of renewable energy and begin addressing the needs of our growing population.

Additionally, improving our transmission infrastructure will make New Mexico more marketable in the growing national renewable industry and attract future developers to bring their projects here.

Our communities across the state stand to benefit greatly from the SunZia Transmission Project, and for these reasons we urge you to approve the project.

Best regards,

Glenn Schiffbauer
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Santa Fe Green Chamber of Commerce

