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Dear Mr. Bishop:

As individuals affected by the Caliente Rail Corridor and on behalf of the Triple Aught Foundation, we appreciate the opportunity to submit comments to the Department of Energy (DOE) regarding the expansion of the Rail Alignment Environmental Impact Statement to include a study of the Mina Rail Corridor in addition to the Caliente Rail Corridor.

The proposed Caliente Rail Corridor currently passes through Garden Valley (Lincoln County), within near proximity of our property and a sculpture project known as *City*. It is our conviction this route will be detrimental to the surrounding pristine landscape, ultimately degrading this important American sculpture and the basin and range areas it would transect. We have made our position on the Caliente Rail Corridor known to the DOE through letters from ourselves and our associates at Dia Art Foundation. We have had many personal communications and meetings with DOE officials to make it clear we strongly oppose the Caliente Rail Corridor running through Garden Valley. We therefore support the DOE's intent to expand the scope of the Rail Alignment EIS to include the proposed Mina Rail Corridor.

In addition to our defense of Garden Valley, we see several ecological and economic absurdities in crossing treacherous mountain ranges along the proposed Caliente Rail Corridor. Although we do not support the construction of any rail line to transport nuclear waste to Yucca Mountain, we feel the Mina Rail Corridor is comparatively sensible, following valley floors and existing roadways and rail tracks. The brevity of the Mina Rail Corridor as compared to the Caliente route has been demonstrated to cost appreciably less money and its routing will vastly reduce environmental damage.

We appreciate and support the efforts of the DOE to consider and review the Mina Rail Corridor as the alternative to the Caliente Rail Corridor. If the far more sensible and economical Mina route is ultimately chosen, it will avoid the destruction of countless acres of pristine Nevada back country, save American taxpayers millions of dollars by not investing in an unnecessarily long and geophysical challenging route and not destroy an acknowledged American cultural artifact.

Sincerely,



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