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Ms. Robin Sweeney  
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Dear Ms. Sweeney:

I am writing concerning the announced intent of DOE to conduct an EIS in support of its selection of the Caliente-Tonopah Rail Corridor.

I own a number of patented mining claims located in the Goldfield Mining District, Nye County, Nevada. Seventeen (17) of these patents are located within the DOE land withdrawal area as follows: T2S R43E Sections 16-21-22-27-28-32-33-34  
T3S R43E Section 2  
These patents are also within or near the Western Goldfield Alternative (GF1).

This alternative crosses a well mineralized and highly prospective mining district. Considerable underground exploration and development work as well as recent drilling and geophysical work have been done on and adjacent to my patent groups and on patented and unpatented land owned by others in the same general area.

I oppose the Western Goldfield Alternative (GF1) because it would adversely affect my access to my property and potentially have a negative impact on mineral development in the Goldfield District.

I do support the Eastern Goldfield Alternative (GF2) which extends into the Nevada Test and Training Range. This portion of the range is little used by DOD or the Air Force and a Rail Corridor through it would in no way compromise public safety, national security or training and testing.

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I also support the realignment proposed by the Esmeralda County Commissioners using the abandoned Tonopah-Goldfield rail line, on the west side of Highway 95, to Goldfield and thence the abandoned Goldfield-Las Vegas rail line to Ralston and beyond.

Very truly yours,

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