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January 13, 2026

The Honorable Doug J. Burgum
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

RE: Public Law 119-68, La Paz County Solar Energy and Job Creation Act

Secretary Burgum:

Thank you for your support of my legislation, Public Law 119-68, the La Paz County Solar Energy and Job Creation Act, to promote rural economic and solar development in Southwest Arizona. Since the beginning of the 119th Congress, the Department of Interior (DOI) has closely engaged with my office to ensure this legislation remained a win-win for my neighbors in La Paz County and for domestic energy dominance.

By conveying the federal land to the County for the Jove Solar Project, the County receives opportunities for rural employment and economic development, and the federal government can harness domestic energy strength to lower inflation for all Americans. President Donald J. Trump signed PL 119-68 into law just before the New Year, and I offer my strong support for the timely advancement of the land exchange and Jove Solar Project.

Since 2015, I have championed the transfer of federal land to La Paz County to enable local control over domestic energy development, particularly large-scale solar projects that drive economic growth, create jobs, and enhance energy security. In 2019, President Trump signed PL 116-9, the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act, transferring the first parcel that facilitated the ongoing Atlas Solar and Battery Storage Complex, and this latest legislation builds directly on prior successes. The new conveyance will enable further expansion, unlocking even greater economic opportunities for my neighbors.

While the land transfer process will require necessary coordination between La Paz County and the Department, stakeholders on the ground are ready to move forward immediately with construction of the Jove Solar Project. The Bureau of Land Management has already issued the Record of Decision and approved the right-of-way for this facility, which stands poised to generate reliable power for hundreds of thousands of homes. The sole remaining step to put shovels in the ground is the issuance of the final Notice to Proceed.

Congress has made it clear it will deliver on President Trump's promises of affordability and national security through energy security. The House-passed H.R. 4776, the SPEED Act, to expedite permitting for energy projects and now, I request your partnership to prioritize and swiftly approve this notice so construction can begin without delay. Expediting this critical step will ensure that, once the land is formally transferred to La Paz County, my neighbors can immediately begin reaping the full economic, employment, and energy benefits of this important project.

Thank you for your assistance to strengthen Arizona's energy security and for your continued work to unleash American energy dominance. I invite you to visit my great state of Arizona and explore the vast resources it has to offer for domestic energy dominance, starting with solar potential in La Paz County. Please do not hesitate to contact my Legislative Director, Macayle Fuchs (Macayle.Fuchs@mail.house.gov), with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S."

Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.
Member of Congress