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Mr. Moseley
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Dear Mr. Moseley:

I am writing to urge you to deny Roca Honda Mine LLC's application to develop a uranium mine on 218 of National Forest System and State Land.

I was born and raised on the Navajo Reservation and graduated from Gallup High School. My mother worked for many years in Crownpoint, and my sister's mother-in-law at Mariano Lake. We grew up hiking near Church Rock. I mention this history to indicate that I have both a personal connection to the land and a knowledge of the devastation caused to the land, water, and people because of uranium mining. It would be egregious to continue this history of assault against Navajo people and their land by permitting the extraction of uranium on Mt. Taylor, a place that is sacred.

In addition to the health of the land and the people, it does not seem to be a sound economic strategy to allow foreign companies to extract natural resources from public land. There is no mill to process the uranium, nor is there a repository for waste. The contamination caused by previous uranium mining has yet to be mitigated, and the community continues to deal with ill health effects.

As a born-and-raised New Mexican, I urge you to deny Roca Honda's application and preserve my birthright to clean public land, water and air.

Thank you,
Rebecca Belletto