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To Whom it May Concern;

As the Chair of the Arizona House of Representatives Water and Energy Committee, and a member of the Environment Committee, I am extremely concerned about the economic, environmental, water resource, cultural and energy sustainability of Arizona. I have studied the Town of Clarkdale's plans for a Sustainability Park and I believe that this concept is one way that our state can achieve long-term economic vitality and at the same time improve our environmental health, and our wise use of scarce water resources. The Clarkdale Sustainability Park has the potential to provide solid solutions to many of the pressing issues I have worked on during my tenure as a State Representative.

I want to encourage others interested in solving some of Arizona's most pressing problems to support the Town of Clarkdale in this effort any way they can. I believe that by working together as a community, as outlined in the Clarkdale plan, we can take the steps necessary to bring lasting prosperity and energy independence to our state and our nation.

The area surrounding Peck's Lake in Clarkdale, currently owned by Freeport McMoRan Copper and Gold, has many unique attributes that make it one logical location for a facility of this type. The remediation of the lake and the restoration of the unique habitat surrounding it will be an added bonus, as this can once again become the most diverse wildlife area in Yavapai County. A modern wastewater treatment facility which will ease the demand on our overstressed aquifers can be easily sited here, and the existence of more than 120 acres of land formerly covered by mine tailings may make this site suitable for solar energy arrays.

I recognize that this project will require legislative support, financial backing, community engagement and regulatory cooperation for it to bring the benefits to the Verde Valley and the State of Arizona that it promises. I am committed to providing any support that I can, and I again urge you to do the same. With our help, the Town of Clarkdale, the Verde Valley and the State of Arizona will have a brighter future!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lucy Mason".

LUCY MASON  
State Representative  
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