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To Whom it May Concern;

The Yavapai-Apache Nation is extremely concerned about the economic, environmental, water resource, cultural and energy sustainability of our region in central Arizona. We have examined the Town of Clarkdale's plans for a Sustainability Park and we feel that this concept is one way that our Verde Valley can achieve long-term economic vitality and at the same time actually improving our environmental health, our wise use of scarce water resources, and decreasing our carbon footprint. The Clarkdale Sustainability Park is a concept whose time has come.

We want to encourage our legislative representatives and others interested in solving some of the earth's most pressing problems to support the Town of Clarkdale in this effort any way they can. We believe that only by working together as a community, as outlined in the Clarkdale plan, can we take the steps necessary to bring lasting prosperity and environmental stewardship to our region.

The area surrounding Peck's Lake in Clarkdale, currently owned by Freeport McMoRan Copper and Gold, has many unique attributes that make it a 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 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 tailings makes this site especially suitable for solar arrays.

We 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 that it promises. We are committed to providing any support that we can, and we again urge you to do the same. With your help, the Town of Clarkdale, the Verde Valley and the State of Arizona will have a brighter future!

Sincerely,

Thomas Beauty
Tribal Chairman