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Ms. Maria Araiza Troutner
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Dear Ms. Troutner:

Thank you for writing to me with your concerns about the proposed I-10 bypass, and the impact it could have on the San Pedro River Valley.

I am in total agreement with you. The proposed bypass would damage the delicate and beautiful San Pedro valley, not only through increased emissions and runoff from the traffic, but also from the inevitable development that would follow the corridor. While I recognize that the growth in the Tucson and Phoenix areas has put a strain on our interstate system, we must remain mindful of the impacts of the solutions that are offered – and pushing the traffic into our pristine natural areas is not the solution. We should instead be investing in alternative modes of transportation that reduce traffic, reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and that are respectful to the environment and to the communities that are impacted.

This is just one of many plans for relieving I-10 congestion that will be proposed in the future. As this discussion progresses, I recommend that you also contact your local leaders, and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), in order to ensure that your concerns are heard. Rest assured that I will be monitoring the situation closely.

Thank you again for contacting me. I appreciate hearing from concerned citizens such as you.

Sincerely,

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