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Dr. Gavin M. Erasmus  
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Dear Dr. Erasmus:

On behalf of this community of Newberry springs, this letter is to express our heartfelt gratitude to you for your tireless efforts, selflessly provided to this small rural community, helping us more intelligently deal with very significant environmental impacts associated with the then-proposed massive quarry project being applied for here by the Kiewit Pacific Company.

As result of your tireless efforts and patient assistance, this very small community was able to stand its ground against a billion-dollar corporation. Without your volunteer work, the one million dollars, or more, of environmental mitigations, in the form of cash, road improvements, and compensation for noise impacts, never would have been received by this community from Kiewit Pacific Company and San Bernardino County.

We are also mindful of all the hurtful slings and arrows, which you silently endured, in our behalf.

We are presently studying how to invest \$330,000.00 of the funds received from the Kiewit Pacific Company on additional road improvements and youth-directed recreational activities and facilities.

You have made Newberry Springs a better community in the above instance. But, moreover, the good lessons that we have learned will also serve us well in the future. Words cannot adequately express our appreciation.

With kind regards,



Wesley Sperry  
Chairperson