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RE: SUPPORT FOR THE CALIFORNIA MINERALS, OFF-ROAD RECREATION, AND
CONSERVATION ACT (CMORCA)

LVEDA supports Congressman Cook's legislation to protect our desert resources and to allow mining where critical minerals exist. Solar energy is abundant throughout the southwest and we can pick and choose where to locate renewable energy facilities – but minerals are where they are and have to be mined where they are. We cannot afford to become subservient to a foreign source for our basic minerals necessary for our economic well-being.

Note: Our support is based on our understanding that the legislation's proposed expansion of the Johnson Valley OHV Area into the boundaries of the Ord Mt. Cattle Grazing Allotment will be altered or structured so as to not conflict with this active ranching operation – per coordination and consultation with the lessee and her consultants.