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Ms. Nadia Parker  
Environmental Planning and Assessment  
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power  
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Dear Ms. Parker:

I strongly oppose the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power proposal to build a 1,200-acre industrial solar installation adjacent to the Manzanar National Historic Site. Thousands of solar panels and associated infrastructure will create an environment that is highly detrimental and disrespectful to the history and culture of the Owens Valley and the Manzanar National Historic Site.

Their civil and constitutional rights discarded, without due process, freedom of religion or other basic rights afforded to all Americans 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry were forcibly removed from the West Coast by the signing of Executive Order 9066, and exiled to remote, desolate and harsh environments throughout the United States. After losing property, careers and educational opportunities, those incarcerated in America's concentration camps were forced to endure an unforgiving environment. Housed in hastily constructed barracks, with no insulation or effective protection against the brutal heat or frigid cold, young and old alike endured. The environment and conditions forced upon the incarcerated is an essential part of their story.

The Manzanar National Historic Site and its surrounding environment tells this story, in large part because the region remains largely untouched. Visitors to this site can easily appreciate the isolation and despair the families felt upon arriving at Manzanar.

These historic sites stand as a stark reminder of one of the most egregious violations of civil rights in recent American History. When those who suffered behind barbed wire can no longer tell the story, these sites will remain as monuments to the importance of civil rights, to America's failed political leadership, and to the resilience and strength of our nation's democratic traditions. The struggle for justice is not over with the creation of National Historic sites. There is an ongoing need to continue to interpret, to preserve and perhaps most importantly, to protect the integrity of these indispensable places.

For these reasons, I oppose placing a 1,200-acre solar ranch adjacent to the Manzanar NHS.

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