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Attn: Mr. Rich Harvey  
2478 Fairview Drive  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

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Dear Mr. Harvey:

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The North Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce is opposed to the proposed listing by the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) for the Las Vegas buckwheat (*Eriogonum corymbosum* var. *nilessi*) as a State of Nevada Critically Endangered Species. In the interest of providing opportunities for small business development within the City, any additional regulatory intrusion is a deterrent to potential business owners. The presence of known plants or the possibility that plants could occur on properties within the City, regardless if suitable habitat is even present on these properties, may have impacts to the small business development potential for North Las Vegas.

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As a critically endangered plant, any project on public or private land that result in disturbance to occupied habitat or the loss of individual buckwheat plants would require a permit from NDF. Economic impacts to property owners with buckwheat plants on their property would include the cost of delays and lost business opportunities during the processing of the NDF permit and the cost of any necessary mitigation measures. These requirements may pose a significant economic burden on or restrict expansion of small business enterprises in our City.

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In the evaluation by NDF of the listing status of the buckwheat, please consider all other options to secure the conservation of the buckwheat without the need for listing. A significant commitment of resources is required once a species is listed as critically endangered. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Sharon Powers  
President & CEO