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Dear Ms. Mason:

I am writing to state my support for the Rule Change to the NM State Endangered Plant Law to strengthen the law and give native and endangered plants similar protections afforded to animals. As an Ecologist working in New Mexico, I feel that endangered plants need to be protected from destruction and harm. New Mexico has one of the highest plant diversities in the nation and that diversity can make its lands more resilient in the face of development and climate change. One way to preserve that diversity is through strengthening the protections for endangered plants in the state. Many endangered plants are threatened not because of collection and sale, but because their unique habitats are being destroyed.

Thank you for considering this important rule change,

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