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The State of New Mexico

County of Otero

I, _____ of _____, _____
(name) (county) (state)

MAKE OATH AND SAY THAT:

My name is Carmen Chavez. I was raised on a ranch 6 miles east of Carrizozo at the foot of the Carrizo Mountains. I was still in utero in 1945. Water was precious in this desert climate. We had well water, which supplied the cattle and vegetation with this "hard" water. Our drinking water was rain water which came from a concrete holding well. This was collected from roof gutters coming off the tin roofing. We drew it out with a roped bucket which was kept in our kitchen for drinking, cooking, and if we were lucky, for washing our hair on special occasions. A long time family friend, Tita Pacheco and many folks in town had deep "tina's" (large galvanized tubs) outside their homes which caught the rainwater coming from their tin roofs. She and many members of her family had thyroid conditions and I had a persistent pituitary brain tumor which which required three surgeries and the neurosurgeon said had been growing for many years. My mother and brother passed away with cancer.

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[Redacted Signature]

(Signature of person making the statement)

SUBSCRIBED TO AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME,

on the 28th day of September, 2020

Signature [Redacted] (Seal)
Notary Public
My Commission expires: 02/25/2023

 OFFICIAL SEAL
Morgan Sasse
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF NEW MEXICO
My Commission Expires 02/25/2023

Consent form for New Mexico Downwinders

I consent to sharing my story with the Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium, with my full understanding and permission for them to use my story and identity in their advocacy efforts, which may include (but are not limited to) research, news stories, articles, etc.

Print Name Carmen Chavez

Sign Name 

Date 9/28/20