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Dear Task Force:

I worked with NEPA since its inception. I was in the federal government for 31 years with National Park Service and BLM. I was a Park Ranger, Wilderness Specialist, and Environmental Coordinator during my tenure. The LAW should not be amended except to remove the word "human". The law should apply to all components of the environment, not just impacts that affect "humans".

The regulations implementing the law should, if anything, be tightened. Yes, some regulations need to be simplified, and those that actually countermand the intent of the law should be struck down! NEPA is among the shortest word-count laws on the record. Its implementing regulations should not be padded with obfuscations and efforts to amend its intent.

Categorical exclusions are one of the most valuable methods for implimenting the law, while still providing a way to proceed with minor actions, but any review must continue to limit their span. It will not serve the public, industry, or the environment if an attempt to make other than non-significant proposals actionable with CE's is your intent.

Any attempt by the administration, or the task force, to reverse the limited defense of the environment provided by NEPA should be considered treason.

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