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Dear Ms. Wright,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to any coal mining in the Lila Canyon area. Coal ^{mining} must not be allowed to degrade the beauty of this region and undermine the natural qualities of the Desolation Canyon proposed wilderness. This is a unique landscape of seeps and springs that sustain critical year-round habitat for wildlife. Coal mining would hydrologically degrade or destroy these seeps and springs.

I sincerely implore you to deny any further consideration of UtahAmerican Energy's plans to plunder this inspiring landscape and wildlife habitat.

Sincerely,
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