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My name is Sharon Weston and I have been a resident of Carlsbad, New Mexico since 1976. I currently work in the health industry as the administrator of three health clinics in the communities of Carlsbad and Loving. I have also worked in both the mining industry and at WIPP in the past. I worked for Mosaic for ten years and one of my positions during that time period involved working underground as a geological technician and surveyor. I also worked at WIPP as a technical writer for three years. I understand that the proposed modifications will enhance the safety for WIPP employees and also be more efficient and cost effective. As a person with mining experience, it makes sense to use the salt mined underground to create barriers for panel closures. This will also result in a number of cost savings as the salt being mined to create additional disposal space will not have to be moved to the surface and stored. I support all three parts of this permit modification request, and it is my hope that the New Mexico Environmental Department will approve them.

Sincerely,

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