



May 14, 2019

Chairman Raul Grijalva
Representative Rob Bishop
House Committee on Natural Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 200515

Chairman Raul Grijalva and Ranking Member Rob Bishop,

I am writing in support of HR 1049 the 2019 National Heritage Area Act. The Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area (MPNHA) has played a crucial roll in preservation, improvement, and guardianship of our heritage in our rural communities. Many of the projects and programs implemented with the support of MPNHA have increased the vitality of many communities in means of economic development, tourism, and artistic and educational opportunities as well as broadening the cultural view and enriching community life.

CentraCom Interactive has participated with the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area in pursuing goals and objectives outlined in the management plan that was approved by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior on March 2, 2010. In my current role as Director of Community and Business Development at CentraCom Interactive, I greatly appreciate the decentralized business model the MPNHA has implemented in bringing together the private, public and non-profit sectors and thereby leveraging \$2.3 million in NPS funds to \$44 million in projects and programs that have greatly enhanced the communities we serve.

On a personal note, my father Robert E. Warnick was the Mayor of Ephraim, Utah and the first city official on board to help restore a then crumbling two-story, late 1800's rock building that had been boarded up. In its glory day, it housed the first post office, a dance hall, and the first Snow College. Along with the help other council members, the Sanpete Trade Association and the NPNHA that beautiful building still stands today representing the history and culture of what once was.

Landmarks like the Ephraim Co-Op, Fairview Social Hall, Spring City Old School and Mt Pleasant Railroad Depot, Wasatch Academy Historic administration building, DUP School House in Manti, Historical Manti City Hall, The Old Rock Church in Centerfield, Carol Theater in Monroe and many more would not be the historical showcases of our communities without the funding of HR 1049.

Please support HR1049 to allow Central and Southern Utah to preserve the History within our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Faylyn Carmull". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Faylyn Carmull
Community Development Director
CentraCom Interactive