



To:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Date: **May 13, 2019**

1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Raul Grijalva and Ranking Member Bob Bishop,

I am writing as the president of McKinnon-Mulherin Inc., a Salt Lake City-based strategic communication company. Our firm provided document design and editing services to create the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area (MPNHA) management plan.

Through our work on the management plan, we became very familiar with the economic needs and the cultural and historic contributions of the six rural counties along Utah's Heritage Highway 89. We also have seen first-hand how the MPNHA focuses on fulfilling the goals and objectives of conserving and enhancing the natural, cultural, and historic resources of these communities.

We support the enactment of HR 1049, the National Heritage Area Act of 2019, which ensures that the federal government, through the National Park Service, will continue to play an important role—along with states, municipalities, and small businesses like ours—in supporting vibrant National Heritage Areas in Utah and throughout the nation.

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