



May 10, 2019

House Committee on Natural Resources  
1324 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Raul Grijalva and Ranking Member Rob Bishop,

I am writing to express support for HR 1049, the 2019 National Heritage Area Act. The Utah Center for Rural Life is proud to have regional oversight of part of the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area and appreciate the role the designation plays in the preservation and improvement of natural, cultural, and historic resources of our county.

The benefits of the projects that have resulted from this partnership have reached deep into communities throughout the region with not only a restoring impact but an economic opportunity.

Sustaining supporting of the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area can result in supporting communities in our region with viable economic opportunities that support preservation in a way that allows for tourism and education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Lisonbe". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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