



April 29, 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 you as the President of the North Sanpete Arts Council (NSAC), which is representative of the many artists in the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area. On page 88 of the Management Plan, the MPNHA commitment to the arts reads as follows: "The MPNHA should engage the creative minds of the art community in communicating the Mormon pioneer story in nontraditional ways."

The MPNHA sponsors the NSAC in hosting shows for many local artists including professionals, hobbyists, and students of all ages. These shows have included watercolor, stained glass, oil, reliquaries, art installations, and photography. We have two state-sponsored traveling art shows scheduled this spring and summer. We currently have a show from local grade school children. It's reception drew well over 250 people.

We are also able to host workshops of varying kinds which have included book making, life drawing, watercolor, and oil painting. It is important to us that our small rural community is able to benefit from art awareness and education. My ancestors were some of those who first settled here. Through reading their journals, I know that they valued creative expression and beauty in function and form.

We greatly appreciate their support for our organization and all artists along the heritage corridor.

Passage of H.R. 1049 will help ensure that artistic talent can be engaged in conveying the important role art has played, and continues to play, in our Mormon pioneer heritage.

Sincerely,

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NSAC President

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