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United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senators and Members of Congress:

On behalf of the millions of Americans who comprise our members and supporters, including scientists, anglers, ranchers, hunters, outfitters, naturalists, outdoor enthusiasts, business owners, paddlers, hikers, and wildlife watchers, we write to express our enthusiastic support for America's Red Rock Wilderness Act, was introduced by Senator Dick Durbin and Rep. Melanie Stansbury in the 118th Congress. We urge you to become a cosponsor of this legislation and support the protection of Utah's iconic wilderness quality landscapes.

America's Red Rock Wilderness Act will permanently protect some of the most magnificent lands of our nation, major sections of the illegally-repealed Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Bears Ears National Monument, and the critical wildlands adjacent to and surrounding Utah's five national parks, including Zion, Arches, Bryce Canyon and Capitol Reef. In total, the bill would preserve for posterity more than 8 million acres of wilderness-quality public lands, all owned by the American people under the auspices of the Bureau of Land Management and unique to the world. These lands encompass a great diversity of habitats, from undulating expanses of sand dunes to towering sandstone monoliths and cool desert oases. The Colorado River system—the very lifeblood of the Western U.S.—winds its way through the wildest parts of the landscape on its journey to the Grand Canyon and beyond.

Wilderness designation is the ultimate protection for all these rare and fragile resources. But our members throughout the country also treasure these places for the many opportunities they offer for primitive recreation, like hunting, fishing, boating, horseback riding, hiking, camping, wildlife-viewing, and sight-seeing. All of these activities would be allowed to continue under America's Red Rock Wilderness Act and would help support the economies of nearby communities.

Sadly, without the Red Rock bill's protection, the pristine character of these wildlands continues to be threatened by mining, oil & gas development, proposed tar sands development and inappropriate off-road vehicle use. Protecting the lands in America's Red Rock Wilderness Act would restore a critical balance to land management in the region, allowing industrial and off-road vehicle use to continue elsewhere in Utah, while preserving the wildest places that merit protection but remain seriously threatened.

As we face the future of climate change, protection of the last wild places is even more essential to ensure ecosystem durability and species adaptation. Utah's wildlands are home to a startling array of sensitive wildlife, including two dozen endangered or sensitive species such as the Gila monster, desert tortoise, bald eagle, and peregrine falcon. Leading scientists suggest preserving large refugia will allow threatened species such as these to adapt and survive. A human tale exists here as well: these lands contain some of the most archeologically and culturally valuable resources in the country, such as petroglyphs and pictographs dating as far back as 12,000

years. While these treasures have remained largely preserved by the area's remoteness, they face increasing risk from industrial activity and off-road vehicles and vandals.

America's Red Rock Wilderness Act will protect the irreplaceable and spectacular wild public lands of Utah that are the natural heritage and birthright of all Americans. We urge you to join with us to protect America's iconic red rock landscapes for generations to come. To sign on as an cosponsor, please contact Kevin Lefeber in Sen. Durbin's office at 202-224-2152 or at [kevin.lefeber@durbin.senate.gov](mailto:kevin.lefeber@durbin.senate.gov) or Kaila Hood in Rep. Stansbury's office by phone at 202-225-6316 or by email at [kaila.hood@mail.house.gov](mailto:kaila.hood@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,

The Utah Wilderness Coalition  
[ProtectWildUtah.org](http://ProtectWildUtah.org)



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Rupestrian CyberServices	AZ
Wildland Trekking Company	AZ
Brown Bag Farms	CA
Californians for Western Wilderness	CA
Desert Tortoise Council	CA
Latino Outdoors	CA
Natural Resources Defense Council	CA
Coloradoan for Utah Wilderness (ColorUWild)	CO
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Grand Valley Audubon Society	CO
Great Old Broads for Wilderness	CO
Rig to Flip	CO
San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council	CO
Wild Earth Guardians	CO

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Decatur Audubon Society	<b>IL</b>
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Illinois Clergy & Laity for Utah Wilderness	<b>IL</b>
Illinois Task Force for Utah Wilderness	<b>IL</b>
Midwest SOARRING	<b>IL</b>
Northwest Illinois Audubon Society	<b>IL</b>
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Burroughs Audubon Society	<b>KS</b>
J Groene Construction	<b>KS</b>
Massachusetts Audubon Society	<b>MA</b>
Massachusetts Friends of Redrock Wilderness	<b>MA</b>
Maryland Ornithological Society	<b>MD</b>
Mainers for Utah Wilderness	<b>ME</b>
RESTORE: The North Woods	<b>ME</b>
Jackson Audubon Society	<b>MI</b>
Michigan Friends for Red Rock Wilderness	<b>MI</b>
Petoskey Audubon Club	<b>MI</b>
Minnesota Friends for Utah Wilderness	<b>MN</b>
Western Values Project	<b>MT</b>

American Whitewater	<b>NC</b>
Earthsong Photography	<b>NC</b>
Presbyterians for Earth Care	<b>NC</b>
New Mexico Friends of Utah Wilderness	<b>NM</b>
Nuestra Tierra	<b>NM</b>
Stone Forest Inc	<b>NM</b>
William Stone Photography	<b>NM</b>
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Friends of Nevada Wilderness	<b>NV</b>
Get Outdoors Nevada	<b>NV</b>
Nevadans for Utah Wilderness	<b>NV</b>
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