

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

September 20, 2016

Dear President Obama,

We the undersigned are current and former elected officials and candidates in the state of Utah who support protection of a Bears Ears National Monument. We are writing to ask you to use your authority to ensure that America's most important unprotected cultural landscape receives the protection it so richly deserves.

The Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Council represents five sovereign Tribes with deep cultural ties to the region. Their leadership of this effort has been inclusive and provides a vision for Native Americans to protect their heritage while maintaining access and appropriate use for all Americans, regardless of where they live.

There is a false media narrative around the effort to protect Bears Ears that would have you believe that Utah elected officials are unanimously opposed to a Bears Ears National Monument. We hope this letter puts that narrative to rest and we ask that you use your authority under the Antiquities Act to protect this land for all people, for all time.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Patrice Arent**  
Representative  
Utah House

**Steve Barth**  
Former Representative  
Utah House

**Andy Beerman**  
Councilmember  
Park City Council

**Heather Bennett**  
President  
Salt Lake City School  
Board

**Jim Bradley**  
Member at Large  
Salt Lake County Council

**Joel Briscoe**  
Minority Assistant Whip  
Utah House

**Peter C. Clemens**  
Candidate for  
Utah's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional  
District

**Jim Dabakis**  
Senator  
Utah Senate

**Rani Derasary**  
Councilmember  
Moab City Council

**Krista Dunn**  
Former Councilmember  
Murray City Council

**David D. Erley**  
Mayor  
Castle Valley

**Gage Froerer**  
Representative  
Utah House

**Jon Harper**  
Candidate for Utah  
Attorney General

**Joe Hatch**  
Former Councilmember  
Salt Lake County Council

**Tory Hill**  
Councilmember  
Castle Valley Town  
Council

**Dave Jones**  
Former Minority Leader  
Utah House

**Kalen Jones**  
Councilmember  
Moab City Council

**Patricia Jones**  
Former Senator  
Utah Senate

**Brian King**  
Minority Leader  
Utah House

**Claudia McMullin**  
Councilmember  
Summit County Council

**Erin Mendenhall**  
Councilmember  
Salt Lake City Council

**Robert O'Brien**  
Councilmember  
Castle Valley Town  
Council

**Kristen Peterson**  
Former Councilmember  
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**Angela Romero**  
Representative  
Utah House

**Misty K. Snow**  
Candidate for U.S.  
Senate (UT)

**Barry Sochat**  
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Rockville City Council

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Candidate for Utah's  
3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional  
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**Elizabeth Tubbs**  
Councilmember  
Grand County Council

**Mark Wheatley**  
Representative  
Utah House

**Ted Wilson**  
Former Mayor  
Salt Lake City

**Lisa Zumptf**  
Councilmember  
Springdale Town Council