



The Honorable Ruben Gallego
U.S. House of Representatives
1131 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Gallego:

The Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition offers our deepest appreciation for your continued leadership advocating for the protections of the Bears Ears National Monument and efforts to elevate the perspectives of the five sovereign nations that advocated for the creation of the Monument. The Coalition remains united and is wholly supportive of your legislation, the Bears Ears Expansion and Respect for Sovereignty Act of 2019.

As you know, the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition is comprised of five member Tribes, including the Hopi Tribe, the Navajo Nation, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, the Ute Indian Tribe, and the Pueblo of Zuni. Working together we advocated for and succeeded in the establishment of the Monument with President Obama's Proclamation 9558. The Monument honors the unique relationship the Tribes have to the lands of the Bears Ears landscape and provides for the protection and promotion of the unique and sacred religious, spiritual, historical, natural, scientific and cultural resources of the Monument, including recognition and advancement of traditional knowledge

We very much enjoyed the opportunity to show you the Monument and to share some of its cultural significance with you. We would be delighted to host you again and look forward to a continued partnership with you in protecting places such as Bears Ears. At anytime, please feel free to reach out to our administrative staff at (505) 835-5596.

Sincerely,

The Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition

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Pueblo of Zuni Lieutenant Governor &
Coalition Co-Chair

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