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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,

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