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The Honorable Doc Hastings
Chairman
Natural Resources Committee
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Edward Markey
Ranking Member
Natural Resources Committee
1329 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Hastings and Ranking Member Markey:

The American Motorcyclist Association is writing to you in support of H.R. 995, the Organ Mountains National Monument Establishment Act, sponsored by U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce.

Founded in 1924, the AMA is the premier advocate of the motorcycling community. We represent the interests of millions of on- and off-highway motorcyclists. Our mission is to promote the motorcycle lifestyle and protect the future of motorcycling.

The act would designate approximately 55,000 acres of land in New Mexico as a national monument. Importantly, it will preserve the right of off-highway-vehicle recreationists to continue to recreate in the area.

Additionally, the AMA supports the process of using congressional authority instead of presidential decree – granted under the Antiquities Act of 1906 – to create this monument. As a result, this process is open and transparent. Members of the public, including recreationists of all types, have the chance to comment on the bill.

The AMA thanks Rep. Pearce for introducing this bill and hopes your committee will act to report the bill favorably so it can receive consideration on the House floor.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our comments. Should you have any questions or request additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone, (202) 742-4301 or by email, wallard@ama-cycle.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Wayne Allard'.

Wayne Allard
Vice President, Government Relations