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Honorable Rob Bishop, Chairman
 US House Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulations
 1324 Longworth House Office Building
 Washington, DC 20515

RE: Organ Mountains National Monument Establishment Act

Dear Chairman Bishop,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, I am honored to submit this letter in recognition of the efforts of our Congressman Steve Pearce to protect the Organ Mountains. The Chamber has been in support of protecting the Organs for years and has gone on record numerous times to communicate our position on this subject.

As an organization that advocates for business, it is important that our constituent groups such as White Sands Missile Range, the Border Patrol, Elephant Butte Irrigation District and our ranching community are not negatively impacted by any legislation that minimizes or eliminates growth opportunities or puts our community at risk from a security perspective.

In order to best serve our members, the Chamber has an established process for evaluating proposed legislation. We have not been able to complete this process to match the timing of the introduction of this bill. I will send you our opinion on the issue as soon as it is available.

I have attached our most current comments on the Organ Mountain Monument issue for your review.

Sincerely,

Bill Allen
 President/CEO
 Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce