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113th Congress
United States Capitol
Washington D.C. 20510

RE: HR 995, Organ Mountains National Monument Establishment Act of 2013

Honorable Congress;

On behalf of the Board of Directors, its many constituents, and members, I am pleased to submit this letter of **SUPPORT** for HR 995, the Organ Mountains National Monument Establishment Act of 2013 introduced by our most Honorable Congressman Steve Pearce.

We support this Act as it will ensure the continued protection of one of New Mexico's most majestic and recognizable mountain ranges – the Organ Mountains. We feel that this legislation will not only protect our precious mountains, but ensure their status as a National Monument for generations to come. This Act has been authored in an intelligent manner that addresses the only area of need for protection in our region as a National Monument.

As a Chamber of Commerce, we cannot support any alternative legislation that may attempt to encumber additional lands that do not fit the criteria of a National Monument and that will physically constrict our region from growing into an economic center within an emerging part of the United States – the Southwest.

We respectfully ask that you consider our position and that of the many constituents that we represent. This Act should be considered for a recommendation of Approval to President Barack Obama.

I sincerely appreciate your time and consideration.

Thank you,

Kirk M. Clifton

Kirk M. Clifton, President
Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces

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