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The Honorable John Barrasso
United States Senate
307 Dirksen Senate Office
Building Washington DC 20510

RE: Endangered Species Act Reform

Dear Chairman Barrasso:

Sevier County, Utah is pleased to lend its support to your draft Endangered Species Act reform bill draft.

We strongly support the emphasis your draft takes toward recovery of listed & threatened species with plans that are locally developed. Our experience in protecting the greater sage grouse clearly demonstrates that top-down restrictions do not work. Solutions from the "ground up" and locally developed plans give species the best chance for recovery while considering the legitimate needs of local residents.

We stand ready to help in any way as you move this legislation forward.

Sincerely,



Garth Ogden
Commission Chair