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Senator John Barrasso
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Dear Chairman Barrasso:
Iron 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 the Utah Prairie Dog clearly demonstrates that top-down restrictions do not work, but that ground up locally-developed plans give the species the best chance for recovery while taking into account the legitimate needs of local residents.

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

Sincerely,

The Board of Iron County Commissioners

Michael P. Bleak - Chair

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