

July 12, 2012

Honorable John Barrasso, Chairman Committee on Environment and Public Works U.S. Senate 410 Dirksen Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Barrasso:

Please accept this letter of support of the Endangered Species Act Amendments of 2018 discussion draft. For your information, the Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce is supported by 650 business and organization members that employ 20,000-plus area residents.

Our chamber of commerce supports the message that Mohave County Supervisor Buster Johnson has sent to you regarding this issue. We are especially pleased that amendments provide more state and local government control. We live, work and play in an area where more than 80 percent of public land is owned by the government. This makes it difficult enough when it comes to economic development and the recreational activities that drive our local economy as it is; the current regulations in the Endangered Species Act add additional levels of bureaucracy that can make improvements to our communities next to impossible.

We are grateful for your work on this draft and appreciate your service to our country. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further details or information.

Sincerely,

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