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The Honorable John Barrasso, MD
Chairman, Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Barrasso:

The Colorado Wool Growers Association represents the majority of stock sheep and lamb numbers in our state. Our members' farming and ranching operations span the state and utilize private, state, and federal lands. Our policy on the ESA states:

**CWGA Resolution
Resource Management – 1
ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT REFORM**

WHEREAS the Endangered Species Act (ESA) has only recovered approximately two percent of the species listed as endangered since its implementation in 1973; and

WHEREAS the ESA is misused by radical environmental groups to control land management and wildlife management decisions; and

WHEREAS the ESA negatively impacts land owners, livestock owners, federal lands permittees, and other private businesses, and public organizations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CWGA and the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) work with Congress to pass ESA reform that will significantly reduce the regulatory overburden and cost of the Act; and utilize accurate, objective science to determine species eligibility for listing and delisting.

The Colorado Wool Growers Association appreciates your leadership in ESA reform and reauthorization. We hope this common-sense legislation and your work with the Western Governor's Association leads to a more streamlined ESA that focuses on recovering species in need, while minimizing and mitigating the regulatory impact of the Act.

Respectfully,

Ernie Etchart
President