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The Honorable John Barrasso, MD/Chairman  
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works  
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Endangered Species Act Amendments of 2018

Dear Chairman Barrasso:

On behalf of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association (CCA), representing landowners and beef producers throughout Colorado, our organization appreciates the Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee's recognition of need in modernizing the 1973 Endangered Species Act (ESA). States, organizations and landowners are very interested in an ESA that addresses species concerns, creates regulatory certainty and is ultimately accountable. To this end, the CCA fully supports the Endangered Species Act Amendments of 2018.

CCA was part of the diverse stakeholder process initiated by Governor Mead that focused on a mechanism for states and stakeholders in addressing species management, promoting the role of states in conservation, and exploring options for improving the efficacy of the ESA. It was always envisioned that legislation would be required to achieve these objectives. The ESA Amendments' Act is representative of this effort's outcomes which were carefully considered and developed into a framework to facilitate a more functional and effective ESA.

In closing, every person and species that encounters the ESA deserves better outcomes than the act has delivered throughout its tenure. ESA efforts must be outcome-based, have regulatory certainty, and ultimately bring people together to achieve enchantments. The current law does not deliver on any of these points. CCA supports the Senate EPW Committee's Endangered Species Act Amendments of 2018 and looks forward to fully engaging in its advancement through Congress. Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

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President