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The Honorable Nick Rahall  
Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources  
1324 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Raul Grijalva  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Parks and Public Lands  
1333 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Rahall and Grijalva,

I am writing to express support for holding a hearing on America's Red Rock Wilderness Act in the House Committee on Natural Resources. Development and passage of wilderness legislation has been particularly difficult in Utah. While we have seen success with the Washington County lands bill, resolving this longstanding wilderness legislation would protect some of the nation's most magnificent landscapes. These disputes continue to divide Utahns and others across the country who care about wilderness. Protection of Utah's wilderness landscapes ensures that Utah has the resources to build a stable economy based on recreation, tourism and the outdoor industry.

You have the support of many Utahns, including Salt Lake City residents, who would like to see the beautiful, natural landscapes of Utah – like the San Rafael Swell and the West Desert – protected for the benefit of future generations. The public lands within our state are an unmatched resource and national treasure. While these are lands of many different uses, it is important for the entire nation that we appropriately balance these uses of public lands. I greatly appreciate your efforts to move Utah BLM wilderness legislation forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph Becker".

Ralph Becker  
Mayor