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Good Afternoon Mr. Black,

On behalf of Speaker LoRenzo C. Bates of the Navajo Nation, I have attached a letter in response to your invitation regarding the review of the National Monuments, specifically the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah. Mr. Bates is unable to attend, but Honorable David Filfred will be attending on his behalf. A position statement from Navajo Nation Office of the Speaker will be forthcoming. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

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23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

HONORABLE LORENZO C. BATES
SPEAKER, 23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

May 22, 2017

Michael S. Black, Acting Assistant Secretary
United States Department of Interior
Office of Secretary
Washington, DC 20240

Re: Review of National Monuments – Bears Ears

Dear Mr. Michael Black,

First and foremost, on behalf of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation of your invitation to meet with U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) for an opportunity to provide additional comments related to the Bears Ears National Monument. I believe this is another great opportunity for Tribal Leaders to express additional concerns to ensure the Navajo Nation's future prosperity is protected.

Unfortunately, I regret to inform you that I am unable to meet with Mr. James Cason, Acting Deputy Secretary this week. However, Honorable Davis Filfred, Council Delegate (*Aneth, Teechnospos, Tolikan, Red Mesa*) of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council will be attending on my behalf. Mr. Filfred has confirmed a meeting is scheduled to meet with DOI on Thursday, May 25, 2017.

Furthermore, I want to reemphasize the Navajo Nation maintains its interest to support the Bears Ears National Monument and oppose any further congressional action to reverse President Barack Obama's proclamation. A position statement will be provided by the end of the week. I look forward to working with DOI as we move forward in addressing these concerns.

Your attention and cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Chief of Staff, Pete Ken Atcitty with the Office of the Speaker at (928) 871-7160.

Sincerely,

LoRenzo C. Bates, Speaker
23rd Navajo Nation Council

cc: Davis Filfred, Council Delegate, 23rd Navajo Nation Council