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Hi Micah and Pamela,

I apologize for the late-Friday afternoon email but please find the attached letter from Senators Harris and Feinstein regarding their support for Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument.

A hard-copy of this letter is also headed your way but if you have any questions please feel free to contact myself or Alexis Segal from Senator Feinstein's office, who is copied on this email. Thank you!

Best,

Kevin

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July 14, 2017

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
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Dear Secretary Zinke:

We write to express our strong support for the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument and urge you to maintain both the original designation from 2000 and the recent expansion in January 2017, which included parts of California.

The Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument is the first and only national monument explicitly established to protect an area for its outstanding biological diversity. Because it is located at the intersection of several ecological regions, the area surrounding Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument acts as a biological corridor which facilitates the flow of plants and animals between larger and distinct landscapes. The recent expansion of the designation into Siskiyou County, California, bolstered the original protection of resources and provides vital habitat connectivity, watershed protection and landscape-scale protection for the area's natural resources.

The expansion of Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument was overwhelmingly supported by Californians and was a result of a robust public process, which included public meetings and a subsequent public comment period to ensure all views on the expansion were considered. Ultimately, the expansion was supported by local elected officials, nearby tribes, chambers of commerce, recreationists, business owners, and renowned scientists from around the nation who expressed their support for expanding Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument to protect the unique ecological and cultural value of the area.

The Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument has also demonstrated economic benefits in Oregon. According to a study by Headwater Economics, the surrounding community of Jackson County saw that a 14% increase in the number of jobs in the area, real personal income grew by 30%, and per capita income grew by 12% since the designation of the monument on June 9, 2000. These economic benefits are a positive impact that nearby communities in California can also expect given the expansion earlier this year.

We urge you to consider not only the unique biodiversity of area within and surrounding the monument, but also the economic and historic significance. Californians have spoken

through a robust public input process and expressed diverse public support that led to the expansion of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument.

Sincerely,



Kamala D. Harris
United States Senator



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator