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Dear Mr. Williams,

Attached please find a statement by the Central Labor Council of Fresno-Madera-Tulare-Kings Counties in California requesting that the boundaries of the California monuments remain unchanged.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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The Fresno-Madera-Tulare-Kings, Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, representing 50 labor organizations in California's Central Valley, wish to offer our opinion on the review of National Monuments currently underway by the Trump administration.

We view National Monuments first, in the context of jobs and employment for our members and the community, and second, in the long-term value created for nearby communities. We respectfully urge the administration to look, as we did, at the job creation associated with National Monuments.

Our research shows that employment (of all types) and personal incomes rise in conjunction with National Monument designation, and that counties in the West with Monuments had healthier economies than those lacking them. That, combined with more than \$35 billion dollars in annual contributions to the economy from outdoor recreation, equals jobs for our region in everything from transportation to construction. We do not believe there is any way that development of those parcels, for any other use, would sufficiently replace the jobs lost in a transfer of use.

Finally, we cannot find a single example of land being set aside for federal protection and public use that came to be viewed as a mistake. The protection of that federal land for future generations, and the jobs they create, make our support for protection of current National Monuments like Berryessa, Sequoia and the Cascade-Siskiyou, an easy call.

We urge the Trump administration to step away from decreasing the size of the National Monuments under review, and to protect the jobs and quality of life associated with them.

Respectfully

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