

The Honorable John Thune
Senate Majority Leader

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Senate Minority Leader

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
House Minority Leader

CC: Senators and Members of Congress

RE: Business Leaders from Southern Utah Oppose Attacks on Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument through the use of the Congressional Review Act

Dear Senators and Members of Congress,

As business owners and leaders from Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument gateway communities, **we write to express our strong opposition to potential forthcoming resolutions** which would use the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to overturn the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Management Plan.

For decades, **the monument's protected landscapes and clear management direction have provided the foundation for our local economies**. Visitors drawn by Grand Staircase's world-class scenery, cultural sites, and recreation opportunities support our hotels, restaurants and cafes, outfitters and guides, retail shops, nonprofits, and professional services. In short, our businesses and organizations, and the communities that we live in, depend on the certainty that comes from a stable, predictable, and future-focused management framework for this landscape.

The current management plan was developed over several years of analysis and extensive engagement with local communities, Tribal Nations, and stakeholders—including us. It offers a thoughtful, durable approach to managing visitation, protecting resources, and sustaining the values that make this region such a desirable place to live, work, and visit. Overturning this plan would inject long-term uncertainty into local land management, disrupt tourism and ongoing business planning, and chill future investment in our communities.

Our businesses rely on predictability. We make hiring decisions, sign leases, invest in equipment, and plan expansions based on the expectation that the Monument and its management direction will remain intact. **If these CRA resolutions succeed, we will face years of confusion and conflict over how these lands are managed. That kind of instability directly threatens jobs, local tax revenues, and the livelihoods of families who have built businesses around a protected and well-managed Monument.**

We are proud to live and do business in a region where our businesses, communities, and families are so intertwined with these special, protected public lands. The current Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Management Plan reflects years of collaboration and careful balancing of resource protection with access and use. It gives our communities the stability we need to keep our doors open, support our employees, and welcome visitors from across the country and around the world.

Please stand with the businesses and workers whose livelihoods depend on a protected, well-managed Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, and preserve the certainty and stability that allow our communities to thrive.

Please vote NO on any resolutions to overturn the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Management Plan.

Sincerely,

All Ways Adventure, Jillian Mielke, Director of Business Development (Kanab, UT)

AWExpeditions, Sunny Stroeer, Owner (Kanab, UT)

Backcountry Bodywork, Ann Route, Owner (Kanab, UT)

Bandida Bread, Lilian Fontenla, Owner (Boulder, UT)

BaseCamp 37, Stephanie Kichler, General Manager (Kanab, UT)

Best Friends Animal Society, Eric Swafford, Director of Legislation (Kanab, UT)

Boulder Escalante Scholarship Foundation, Jacqueline Smalley, Founder (Boulder, UT)

Boulder Mountain Guest Ranch, Brandie Hardman, Owner (Boulder, UT)

Boulder Mountain Lodge, Nina Brownell, Lodge Manager (Boulder, UT)

Boulder Outdoor Survival School, Perry Tancredi, Deputy Director (Boulder, UT)

Cerebrate Farm LLC, Nancy Tosta, Owner (Boulder, UT)

Cliff Dwelling Homes, Adiyan Haran, Owner (Escalante, UT)

Desert Paintbrush LLC, Jaymie Shearer, Owner (Kanab, UT)

Desert Quest, Tana Seaford, Owner (Kanab, UT)

Doctor Backus, Kathy Backus, Veterinarian (Kanab, UT)

Dreamland Safari Tours, Sunny Stroeer, Co-owner (Kanab, UT)

Elliot Ross Studio, Elliot Ross, Owner (Boulder, UT)

Erosion Studio, Rebekka Anderson, Manager (Teasdale, UT)

Escalante Builders, Page and Steve Witzdam, Owners (Escalante, UT)

Escalante Outfitters, Nathan and Kristina Waggoner, Owners (Escalante, UT)

Five Forks Farm, Elena Hughes, Owner (Boulder, UT)

Four Season Guides LLC, Scott Victor, Owner (Flagstaff, AZ)

Gilberg Design, Nick Ashby, Owner (Kanab, UT)

Headwaters Cattle & Guest Ranch LLC, Travis Mitchell, Co-owner (Boulder, UT)

Heliotrope LLC, Charlie Neumann, Owner (Kanab, UT)

Hell's Backbone Grill & Farm, M. Morgan Reedy, GM/ Partner (Boulder, UT)

Imlay Canyon Gear LLC, Nolan Jones, President (Kanab, UT)

Kaibab Casita, Megan Smith, Owner (Kanab, UT)

Legacy Outdoor Adventures, Michael Hinkle, Owner (Loa, UT)

Middle Fork River Expeditions, James Snow Ellsworth, CEO (Boulder, UT)

Pronghorn Expeditions, Beth Henshaw, Owner (Page, AZ)

Rocking V Cafe, Allen Jackson, Co-Owner (Kanab, UT)

Sabisara Pets LLC, Kylie E. Burkes, Owner (Kanab, UT)

Sage West Co., Brian Konoske, Owner (Kanab, UT)

Smallcanyon Kitchen, Katherine Nangle, Owner (Boulder, UT)

Symmetry7, Samantha Cullinane, Owner (Kanab, UT)

The Canyons Boutique Hotel and Canyons Lodge, Travis Mitchell, Co-Owner (Kanab, UT)

The Loubird Inn, Haylee Haning, Owner (Escalante, UT)

The Old Bailey Place, Lisa Hartman, Proprietor (Escalante, UT)

The Periphery, Alexandra Fuller, Owner (Kanab, UT)

The Rafters Gallery, Victor Cooper, Owner (Kanab, UT)

Utah Canyon Outdoors, Caitlin Clery, Owner/Guide (Escalante, UT)

Willow Canyon Outdoor, Mel Rader and Kieran Corrigan, Owners (Kanab, UT)

Zion Adventures, Jess Kavanagh, Guide Coordinator (Springdale, UT)

Individuals:

Amy Brooks (Boulder, UT)

Dan Pence (Boulder, UT)

Jennifer Geerlings (Boulder, UT)

Margaret Smith (Boulder, UT)

Marla McPherson (Escalante, UT)

Page Witzdam (Escalante, UT)

Steven Cox, Former Mayor of Boulder Town (Boulder, UT)

Susan Hand, Former Owner, Willow Canyon Outdoor (Kanab, UT)