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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
Senate Committee on Energy and
Natural Resources
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
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Senate Committee on Energy and
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Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Cantwell:

As affiliates of the Green Chamber of Commerce chapters in New Mexico, we're enthusiastic about the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the benefits it has provided for our state and nation. This program has done a great deal to help protect and enhance the natural areas, cultural heritage, and places to recreate that are essential to our communities' well-being and local economies. We ask that you do all you can to achieve full funding for and permanent reauthorization of this vital program before its September 30, 2015 expiration date.

Since its creation by Congress in 50 years ago, LWCF has benefitted New Mexico's communities and residents through both its "state side" and "federal side" programs.

LWCF's federal side program has provided funds for protection of places iconic to our state where residents and visitors go to hike, hunt, and fish as well as learn about our culture and history. These places include El Malpais, Petroglyph, and Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monuments; Valles Caldera National Preserve; El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail; Chaco Culture National Historical Park; Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge; the Gila, Carson, Santa Fe, Lincoln, and Cibola National Forests, and many others.

LWCF's state side funding, provided through grants to local governments and the State, is also important to our communities. Since 1965, over 1,000 grants have been made through LWCF's state side program to New Mexico, totaling \$41 million and touching every county in our state. Matched with state and local funds, these grants have enabled construction and enhancement of state and local parks, pools, ball fields, and other recreation facilities in our communities.

LWCF does so much for our communities, from protecting our drinking water and providing public land access for sportsmen to ensuring our children have places to exercise to attracting

entrepreneurs, retirees, and tourists who benefit our economy and value what protected public lands add to their quality of life.

As LWCF's September 30, 2105 deadline approaches, we urge you to work toward this program's permanent reauthorization and full funding. Doing so will ensure that our nation will continue to invest in its natural, cultural, and recreational heritage, which benefits our communities, our economy, our children and our grandchildren.

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