

April 11, 2023

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of The Conservation Alliance (TCA) and our more than 270 member businesses, thank you for your commitment to the conservation of America's public lands through your Antiquities Act proclamations on March 21, 2023: the Avi Kwa Ame and Castner Range National Monuments. These designations in Texas and Nevada take the critically needed steps toward conserving public lands, growing America's outdoor recreation economy, bolstering equity of access to nature, honoring the history of our outdoor spaces, and preserving lands sacred to Indigenous peoples and important to local communities.

Designation of these monuments doesn't just protect upwards of half-a-million acres of our public lands—it is a historic and important step towards closing the nature gap and elevating the leadership and conservation knowledge of local and Indigenous communities. National monument designations have the most endurance, and are better positioned to secure long-lasting protections, when they include the support of local and Indigenous communities, such as in the case of El Paso. To this end, we are proud to call local organizations like Nuestra Tierra, Frontera Land Alliance, and Monumental Shift our partners, whose hard work should set an example for locally supported, successful, and durable national monuments in years to come.

We celebrate and thank you, again, for this progress made while remaining mindful of the important work ahead. We look forward to future opportunities to work with you in securing more victories for conservation and the companies, communities, and people that make it their mission.

Thank you,

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