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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tom Udall
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
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Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Udall:

Since becoming law in 1998, the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) has significantly helped conserve natural resources and enhance recreational opportunities in Nevada. SNPLMA allows the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to sell public land around Las Vegas, which has greatly improved conservation and helped spur economic development in the area.

In two decades, the program has raised over \$3.4 billion from land sale revenue for over 1,200 projects across the state. These projects have helped communities reduce the risk of wildfires, acquire more than 67,000 acres of environmentally sensitive land, and support wildlife habitat restoration. Through SNPLMA, more than 8,700 acres of parks or natural resources have been constructed and more than 300 miles of recreational roads and trails have been improved.

In recent years, there have been proposals to divert millions of dollars from SNPLMA's special account. This plan unfairly targets Nevada, and would take away money that should continue to be spent on the management, conservation, and improvement of our precious natural resources.

As members of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, please consider the significant impact that SNPLMA has had on the state of Nevada. I urge you to not take any action to diminish funding from SNPLMA's special account in Fiscal Year 2020.

Sincerely,



Jacky Rosen
U.S. Senator



Catherine Cortez Masto
U.S. Senator