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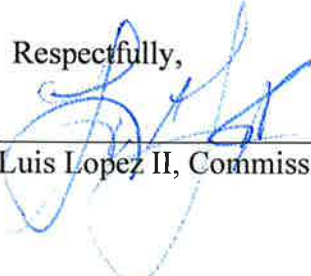
The Honorable Lauren Boebert
1609 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Boebert,

Las Animas County's Board of County Commissioners has reservations concerning Executive Order 14008 (30 x 30) as it is currently written. It appears that the proposed Bill cited as the "30 x 30 Termination Act" addresses the reservations we have for this Order and supports this proposed bill.

This Board is in agreement that this Order should have "No Force or Effect", as per this Bill's Sec 2., since we are of the opinion that no President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, or any other Federal agency has the constitutional or statutory authority to set aside and permanently conserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States. Although this Board is also in agreement with this Bill's other sections, if this Order is upheld, we're also advocates of private property rights and the right of those private property owners to sell their property to the buyer of their choice, including governmental agencies. This Board looks unfavorably on any Governmental agency purchasing private properties, but if this 30 x 30 does occur, this Board also maintains that any lands or other rights that are acquired to fulfill the 30 x 30 objectives be acquired for the payment of full and fair market value for all rights and interest acquired, and not through eminent domain or any other regulatory compulsion, and only after analyzing and considering the impact of such land and water acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of all affected businesses and citizens. In addition, we request that all Payment in Lue of Taxes used to backfill potentially lost property taxes, be funded at 100%.

Respectfully,


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