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

Dear President Biden:

_____ strongly supports the designation of Castner Range as a National Monument.

The Castner Range area is a crown jewel for west Texas and a monument designation would offer permanent future protection for its cultural, historical, scientific and environmental connections to the region. Your designation will help preserve cherished resources, such as the known prehistoric habitation on the land that began more than 10,000 years ago and the biological and physical landscapes unique to the greater El Paso region's landscape. Its treasured 7,081 acres are home to rich wildlife, three distinct ecosystems, a wide array of vegetation and to artifacts that tell the first stories of the Americas.

The Castner Range National Monument (CRNM) designation would offer permanent protection from future development. The area has been preserved in its pristine natural state due to the current stewardship of Fort Bliss. Further conservation of Castner Range will preserve the fragile lands now surrounded by development; the Range also serves as one of the most significant water resources in an area of west Texas that abuts the world's largest binational community. Your action will ensure that this magnificent landscape continues to play a critical role in the El Paso region's ecology and quality of life.

Permanent protection of this region will bring much local and national pride to an area that has endured hardship in recent years. Protection will improve economic opportunities for our local economy; increase coordination between federal agencies; provide well-managed recreation opportunities; safeguard the area's natural beauty, sensitive areas, wildlife and rare plants; and ensure the continued use and enjoyment of these lands for future generations.

The _____ strongly urges you to permanently protect Castner Range as a national monument, and leave a legacy that protects the past – and the future – of this national treasure for all time.

Sincerely,

Name: _____

Group Name (or attach card): _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____