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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 protection from future development and represent your administration's commitment to preserve the cultural, historical, scientific and environmental connections to all parts of our nation. 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 Borderland's landscape.

The 7,081-acre Castner Range National Monument (CRNM) designation would offer permanent protection from future development and illustrate a significant step to expand conservation education to marginalized communities who disproportionately bear the brunt of climate impacts and traditionally have less access to nature. The area has been preserved in its pristine natural state due to the current stewardship of Fort Bliss and a CRNM designation would forever protect the land's cultural, historical, scientific and environmental attributes. Further conservation of Castner Range will preserve the fragile lands now surrounded by development. 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. It also will allow the nation to tell the story of how our region became the world's largest binational community.

Permanent protection of Castner Range will improve economic opportunities for our local economy; bring much local and national pride to an area that has endured hardship in recent years; increase coordination between federal agencies; 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.

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

Sincerely,

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____