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

Dear President Biden:

We senior religious leaders serving the El Paso community strongly support the designation of Castner Range as a National Monument.

As people of faith, we believe that God has granted us use of Creation, but along with this gift comes the responsibility to tend and care for the land. We must recognize that we are merely tenants on this planet, and we have been called to care for Creation so that future generations can live, thrive, and enjoy it just as we do. By protecting this area, we are ensuring this piece of God's gift will exist for many years to come.

Outdoor spaces have been central to religion and spiritual practices for generations, and the Castner Range region is no different. Few landscapes evoke a comparable sense of awe and serenity. Not only does this region represent God's power and love, but it provides a retreat from day-to-day distractions. Protection is necessary to promise peace-seekers from near and far a wonderful piece of terrain in which to pray, reflect, meditate and rejoice.

Castner Range area is a crown jewel for west Texas and a national monument designation would offer protection from land development for all of the Range's cultural, historical, scientific and environmental connections to the region. In addition, it would provide much-needed local and national pride to an area that has endured hardship in recent years. This will include benefits to public health, education, natural resource management, the local economy and the preservation of breathtaking views that define Northeast El Paso looking south to the U.S.-Mexico border.

We want to commend you for your dedication to Texas, to Creation, and future generations as you continue to support protecting Castner Range. We sincerely appreciate the support you have shown for our planet's environment by committing to better protect frontline communities along with marginalized communities who disproportionately bear the brunt of climate impacts. Like you, we believe our nation must center justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion in any conservation effort moving forward to make sure all voices are heard; and we look forward to your continuing that work by preserving this piece of God's gift right here in El Paso.

Sincerely,

Name: _____

Group Name (or attach card): _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____