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Subject: SUPPORT FOR INCLUSION OF THE GRAND CANYON PROTECTION ACT IN THE PROTECTING AMERICA'S WILDERNESS ACT

Honorable Representative,

Lena Fowler District 5

On behalf of the Coconino County Board of Supervisors we express our support for the Grand Canyon Protection and encourage its swift passage. Arizona is proud to be the Grand Canyon State and Coconino County is equally proud to represent this natural wonder.

Each year, millions of visitors travel to northern Arizona to visit the Grand Canyon National Park. Northern Arizona communities are the beneficiaries of tourism revenue brought by these visitors. The economy in northern Arizona, specifically Coconino County, is dependent on revenue generated by tourism. Individuals who travel to the Grand Canyon stay at hotels, shop and eat at restaurants within our communities. The potential negative impact to tourism in northern Arizona from uranium mining near Grand Canyon National Park cannot be overstated.

Uranium mining directly harms our natural areas, tourism economy, and the health of our citizens within Coconino County. Recognizing these concerns, the Coconino County Board of Supervisors adopted the Coconino County Comprehensive Plan on September 23, 2003. This County plan discourages industrial uses, including mining, along scenic corridors or at community gateways, including the Grand Canyon National Park.

The Coconino County Board of Supervisors supports the Grand Canyon Protection Act for the permanent withdrawal of uranium development on these lands. Our public lands must be protected for future generations and we applaud your legislation and encourage its passage.

Sincerely,

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