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The Honorable Catherine Cortez Masto
Chair, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Lee
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
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October 19, 2021

RE: Support for Lander County Land Management and Conservation Act (S. 1411)

Dear Chair Cortez Masto and Ranking Member Lee:

I write on behalf of Conservation Lands Foundation to express our endorsement of S. 1411, the Lander County Land Management and Conservation Act, and to applaud Senator Jacky Rosen's leadership in protecting as Wilderness the portions of the Desatoya Mountains and Cain Mountains in Lander County, Nevada.

The Lander County Land Management and Conservation Act seeks to resolve the status of two Wilderness Study Areas in the County among other needed economic development components. The Desatoya Range hosts beautiful aspen forests and is looped by the historic Pony Express Trail. The Cain Mountain (formerly the August Mountains Wilderness Study Area) features unique geologic formations that offer scientists and other fossil enthusiasts many options for exploration, discovery and learning.

This past year Nevadans and our state representatives in the Nevada Legislature have led efforts to protect our most important ecological, scenic, cultural and historic areas and help move Nevada and America closer to the goal of conserving 30% of our lands and waters by 2030. Senator Rosen's bill moves us towards that goal in a meaningful way, while also resolving other important community needs.

Chair Cortez Masto, I thank you as well for cosponsoring this legislation and for including it in today's hearing. Chair Cortez Masto and Ranking Member Lee, I appreciate your consideration of Conservation Lands Foundation's endorsement of this legislation, and urge you and all Subcommittee members to move this legislation forward.

Sincerely,

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CC: Senator Jacky Rosen