



October 10, 2014

Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

As an ecumenical organization representing 38 Christian denominations and over 40 million Americans, we want to thank you for your designation of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. Creation Justice Ministries has been working for environmental justice for over three decades and this designation embodies that same spirit. Improving opportunities and working toward equitable access to wonderful parts of Creation for all of God's people is a cornerstone to our stewardship. We are grateful to have you in shared mission.

Many faith leaders spoke out in support of this proposal alongside those that sit in their pews. Thank you for listening to the diverse voices, which included not only people of faith, but Hispanic groups, youth, community leaders, businesses, conservationists, and many others.

Having natural places to get away to for emotional, mental, and spiritual renewal is vital to our lives as humans, and God has afforded us many places of wonder in which to "recharge." Through this designation, you have allowed and encouraged many in the Los Angeles area to fully take advantage of these opportunities in Creation.

We thank you again for your continued stewardship.

Blessings,

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