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The Honorable Joe Biden
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the City of Glendale, I write to respectfully urge your favorable consideration to advance a decades-long vision to protect the San Gabriel Mountains and use the Antiquities Act to add 109,000 acres to the existing San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. This would permanently protect a significant portion of the western Angeles National Forest in the Los Angeles, California metropolitan area.

President Barack Obama used the Antiquities Act in 2014 to designate approximately 346,177 acres of the San Gabriel Mountains as a national monument. This was a critical step towards permanently protecting the mountains. Since then, community support has continued to grow for safeguarding public lands in the western Angeles Forest that were not included in the original monument designation. These lands are the gateway to the forest and welcome millions of visitors each year. They should be included in the national monument.

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The San Gabriel Mountains are the backyard for many urban and culturally diverse communities within Los Angeles. Every year, the Angeles National Forest welcomes about 4 million visitors. Over 18 million people live within a 90 mile radius of the proposed national monument expansion. Protecting these public lands will help increase equitable access to nature, improve public health, conserve a critical drinking water source for local residents, and address the climate and biodiversity crisis.

Representative Judy Chu and Senator Alex Padilla are championing this effort and have urged your administration to expand the existing San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. I add my voice to theirs and ask you to use the Antiquities Act to permanently protect these important public lands.

Sincerely,

Mayor Dan Brotman and Members of the Glendale City Council