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Dear Governor Haley,

I am a constituent and sportsman and I am writing today in support of the inclusion of Sage-grouse language on the National Defense Authorization Act as requested by Congressman Rob Bishop. I also support the S.1036, the Sage-Grouse Protection and Conservation Act of 2015 sponsored by Senator Cory Gardner. Congressional Action is critical to protect state-management authority of Sage-grouse. Hunters, ranchers, hardworking families and Western States appreciate the support of Congress on these important state conservation programs which are critical to conservation of mule deer, sage-grouse, elk and other species.

We appreciate the leadership by members of Congress to provide states with additional time to implement their state management plans for Sage-grouse. I believe that States should be given time to demonstrate that they can continue to manage and protect Sage-grouse and their habitat. Giving these state plans time to work is key to protect our rights as sportsmen and needs of our local communities.

State conservation efforts are vital not only to Sage-grouse, but also protecting abundant wildlife populations including mule deer, elk and upland game species. States investment in these programs is also addressing other vital issues including wildfire, invasive species and encroachment of Pinyon Juniper. These common-sense programs are working for conservation of Sage-grouse while also protecting jobs, economic productivity and education funding of billions of dollars.

It is becoming clear that the needs of the people who are investing the most in Sage-grouse conservation and will be impacted by a premature listing decision this year. We appreciate your

support of Congressional action. Considering the far-reaching impacts of these decisions, providing these updated management plans additional time to demonstrate conservation efficacy is a common-sense solution. Your support is critical to ensure state conservation efforts are given full consideration when a listing decision is made.

I urge you to support inclusion of Sage-grouse language on the National Defense Authorization Act and the S.1036, the Sage-Grouse Protection and Conservation Act of 2015. These bills are a step in the right direction and Thank you for your consideration of this issue and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
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