

April 25, 2023

The Honorable Jacky Rosen
United States Senator, Nevada

RE: Support for the Truckee Meadows Public Lands Management Act

Dear Senator Rosen,

The League to Save Lake Tahoe is happy to support your efforts to advance the Truckee Meadows Public Lands Management Act and appreciates the opportunity to provide comments in support of the working draft.

We first would like to thank you and your staff for conducting the extensive stakeholder outreach required to even get to this point in the process. The bill, as drafted, will improve public lands and promote conservation while providing important economic opportunities for the Lake Tahoe Basin and the rest of Washoe County.

The League is Tahoe's oldest and largest nonprofit environmental organization, and we pride ourselves in being Tahoe's strongest environmental watchdog. Founded in 1957, the League is dedicated to community engagement and education, and collaborating to find solutions to Tahoe's environmental challenges through scientific and innovative approaches to take rapid action. The League works at the local, state, and federal levels with members to support a broad range of project priorities designed to protect and restore Lake Tahoe's natural resources and implement the water quality, sustainable recreation, sustainable communities, science, stewardship, forest health, and water infrastructure goals outlined in the Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program (<https://eip.laketahoeinfo.org/Project/Index>).

We are encouraged that the discussion draft provides language authorizing revenues generated by the bill to be used for projects on Lake Tahoe's Environmental Improvement Program (EIP). Federal, state and local entities partner with the private sector, scientists, and the Washoe Tribe to identify EIP priorities related to forest health, watersheds and water quality, sustainable recreation and transportation, and science, stewardship, and accountability. These projects are critical to the protection and restoration of Lake Tahoe, as well as fueling a regional outdoor recreation economy.

The League to Save Lake Tahoe appreciates your leadership and support for the Lake Tahoe Basin. As drafted, the Truckee Meadows Public Lands Management Act would play a critical role in supporting the Lake Tahoe Basin's unified commitment to tackle key environmental and economic issues.

Lake Tahoe's successes are Nevada's successes, and this bill will ensure Lake Tahoe is enjoyed by Nevadans for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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