January 14, 2019

The Honorable Diane Feinstein

United States Senate

331 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

The Alabama Hills Stewardship Group and Friends of the Inyo wishes to extend our sincere thanks for reintroducing the California Desert Protection and Recreation Act (CDPRA) to the 116th Congress, and commend you for your continued leadership on conservation in the California Desert.

The designation of the Alabama Hills National Scenic Area will guarantee both appropriate conservation measures and continued access to this incredibly scenic landscape. Outdoor recreation is the heart of our local rural economy. This designation will help allow for better-funded maintenance and management of this area, which is undergoing increased use and resource damage. The provisions of the bill will help boost the significant outdoor recreation economy in the California Desert, and uphold the priorities of the public throughout the desert. We recognize the hard work that you and your collogues have put into this legislation, the small but critical changes to the bill language, and the relentless advocacy in the 115th Congress to bring the bill to a vote.

With a new year and a new Congress we offer any help we may be able to provide in bringing S.67 to the floor for a vote. Please know we are here to assist in whatever way needed to see passage of this important piece of long overdue legislation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jora Fogg

Policy Director

Friends of the Inyo

/s/ Kevin Mazzu

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