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

Dear President Obama:

The San Gabriel Mountains are one of California's treasured landscapes. This magnificent mountain range provides 30 percent of our local water supply, represents 70 percent of Los Angeles County's open space, and provides important habitat for fish and wildlife, including Nelson's bighorn sheep, California spotted owls, native frogs and fish, and other endangered or rare species.

Right now, the San Gabriel Mountains lack the permanent protection they deserve. Without adequate planning and resources, this area is at risk, putting wildlife habitat in jeopardy and limiting access for outdoor recreation.

By designating the San Gabriel Mountains as a national monument, President Obama can safeguard the region's remaining wild spaces for present and future generations and create a more useful outdoor resource for southern California communities.

The local community has worked for nearly a decade to preserve this iconic landscape. It is time for this region to gain the protection it deserves. I urge you to designate the U.S Forest Service lands in the San Gabriel Mountains as a National Monument.

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