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The Honorable Rob Bishop, Chairman
Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

RE: U.S. House Endangered Species Act (ESA) reform bill package- 9 bills

Dear Chairman Bishop:

The Idaho Farm Bureau Federation (IFBF) would like to express its support for the 9-bill House ESA reform bill package and thank you for hearing these very significant pieces of legislation:

- HR 6344- *LOCAL Act of 2018*
- HR 6360- *PREDICTS Act of 2018*
- HR 6346- *WHOLE Act of 2018*
- HR 6354- *STORAGE Act of 2018*
- HR 6345- *EMPOWERS Act of 2018*
- HR 3608- *"The Endangered Species Transparency and Reasonableness Act"*
- HR 6364- *LAMP Act of 2018*
- HR 6356- *LIST Act of 2018*
- HR 6355- *PETITION Act of 2018*

Idaho Farm Bureau Federation is Idaho's largest agriculture organization, representing 78,800 member families throughout Idaho. Over 15,500 of these families are farmers and ranchers. This number represents approximately 60% of our state's total agriculture producers.

The ESA affects all of our members in some way. IFBF has long supported ESA reform. However, any changes must allow businesses and agriculture to remain in profitable operation, providing jobs and a tax base in rural communities. These bills will allow important local and individual input while promoting responsible aquatic and terrestrial resource management and provide protection for plant and wildlife populations.

Thank you for the opportunity to express IFBF's support for the 2018 U.S. House of Representatives' 9-bill ESA reform bill package.

Sincerely,

Bryan Searle, President
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