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The Honorable Senator John Barrasso
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Dear Senator Barrasso,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce to respectfully request that Wyoming be excluded from Subtitle C – Lands of the pending reconciliation bill, which mandates the disposal of public lands. We commend Senator Steve Daines for successfully securing an exclusion for Montana and hope that Wyoming can benefit from a similar exemption.

Our community's unique characteristics and economic landscape, heavily reliant on tourism and local businesses, raise serious concerns about the potential consequences of public land disposal. Our experience with development projects in Teton County has shown that converting public land to private ownership is likely to worsen our ongoing housing status rather than provide a solution.

Additionally, any new development on public lands threatens to disrupt the vital wildlife habitats that underpin our community's ecological and economic well-being. The outdoor recreation tourism that drives our economy is inextricably linked to the preservation of these habitats.

In summary, we urge you to advocate for an exclusion for Teton County from the provisions of Subtitle C—Lands. Such an action will not only protect our community's interests but also support sustainable economic growth that is so essential to our residents and visitors alike.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. We look forward to your support and a favorable response.

Sincerely,

Rick Howe

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