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Congressman Tim Walz
1722 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Walz,

We want to thank you very much for recognizing the importance of the bill, **America's Red Rock Wilderness Act, H.R.1925**, which would designate for special wilderness protection 9.4 million acres of land in the southern part of Utah.

A few of us in our lifetimes have been blessed to experience some awe-inspiring wilderness areas in our country. Several of us were fortunate enough to see view some breath-taking pictures of the some of the area in southern that would be covered by **America's Red Rock Wilderness Act**. All of us realize the profound healing effect that being in the presence of nature such as woods, or rivers, or desert, or whatever and the unique life forms has on a person.

We, as retired School Sisters of Notre Dame, are especially conscious of the power that the exquisite beauty of nature, and especially wilderness, has to put human beings in touch with the Divine, or to draw them into an experience of indescribable mystery. We deem it unconscionable, therefore, not to save the wilderness that remains for all the generations coming after us. Once the wilderness is destroyed by exploration for oil or gas or minerals or by off-road vehicles, for instance, it is desecrated forever.

Again we thank you for being a cosponsor of **America's Red Rock Wilderness Act, H.R. 1925**. We urge you to support it as fully as possible,

Sincerely,

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