Congress of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Mike Lee
Chairman
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Martin Heinrich
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Lee and Ranking Member Heinrich:

We respectfully request that the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources consider S.5101, the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act. We introduced this bipartisan, bicameral bill on July 23, 2026, which was referred to your committee.

The Glenwood Springs hot springs and geothermal system is a defining natural resource in Colorado that supports the economies of Glenwood Springs and Garfield County and makes the community a key destination for visitors. The geothermal system that supports the hot springs is under threat from the potential expansion of a gravel quarry. This legislation would prohibit the gravel quarry expansion, and has broad support from local elected officials, Tribal and business leaders, water users, and recreation enthusiasts.

S.5101 is identical to legislation introduced in the House of Representatives, which was reported to the House Natural Resources Committee. We stand ready to work with you to move this bill quickly through Committee and to secure passage as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Bennet
United States Senator

John Hickenlooper
United States Senator

Jeff Hurd
Member of Congress