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May 6, 2025

The Honorable Congressman Mike Kennedy, M.D.
1626 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-4402

Dear Congressman Kennedy,

San Juan County, Utah, in partnership with the Navajo Nation, respectfully requests your support to secure federal funding for an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for a proposed road connecting Oljato to Navajo Mountain. This critical project will enhance safety and connectivity for the isolated Navajo Mountain community.

San Juan County, Utah's largest by area but with only 14,358 residents, includes significant tribal lands. Navajo Mountain's 500 residents face a 100-mile, three-hour journey on rough roads to access basic services like emergency medical care. The proposed road, estimated at \$141 million, would reduce travel time to 30-45 minutes, improve access to services, and support economic growth through tourism and future utilities like water and broadband.

San Juan County and the Navajo Nation have collaborated for over 15 years, completing engineering and feasibility studies. The Navajo Nation and the State of Utah has pledged funding towards the \$4 EIS, but rising costs and necessitate federal support. The EIS is essential to unlock federal infrastructure grants.

We urge your advocacy to secure funding to complete the EIS, complementing the Navajo Nation's and State of Utah's contribution. This funding will advance a transformative project for Navajo Mountain. We are ready to provide additional details or project plans to support your efforts.

Thank you for your commitment to San Juan County and the Navajo Nation. Your support will make a lasting impact.

Sincerely,

Silvia Stubbs
Commission Chair