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The Honorable Cynthia Lummis
U.S. House of Representatives
113 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Lummis:

We write to respectfully express our support for the reauthorization of the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act (FLTFA), a program that will help Wyoming achieve its economic and conservation goals through federal land sales and acquisitions. We appreciate your leadership in co-sponsoring reauthorization legislation last Congress and we support a companion bill to the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act Reauthorization of 2011, S. 714, this Congress.

FLTFA is a helpful tool for members of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association and the landowner-driven projects with which the Wyoming Stock Growers Agricultural Land Trust works. The FLTFA program benefits ranchers and farmers who would like to acquire nearby federal lands for private ownership, while also working as a dedicated funding source to protect other critical lands. The FLTFA program helps farmers and ranchers buy scattered federal lands encumbering their properties. Landowners can use these purchases to enhance their ranching, farming, and business operations.

FLTFA is fiscally responsible. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) recently determined that reauthorizing FLTFA for ten years will reduce the deficit by \$5 million. The program is self-funded and does not require taxpayer funds.

We appreciate your consideration of advancing FLTFA reauthorization legislation, for the benefit of Wyoming and the West.

Sincerely,

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