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The Honorable Scott Tipton
218 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Tipton:

On behalf of the 1.3 million members of the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), thank you for introducing H.R. 6682, the Protection and Transparency for Adjacent Landowners Act. This legislation would enhance transparency and oversight of the land acquisition and disposal process involving the Bureau of Land Management and the National Forest System.

H.R. 6682 would provide for a more robust notification process to owners with property adjacent to these federal lands. If a private landowner's property is resurveyed and determined to be federal land, the bill would also allow the property owner to either purchase the land or receive market-rate reimbursement.

These reforms are long overdue and will give private landowners adjacent to public lands more certainty and protections during acquisition or disposal activities of federal lands.

H.R. 6682 is the subject of an upcoming hearing in the Federal Lands Subcommittee. NAR urges the subcommittee to act quickly and move the bill to the full Natural Resources Committee for consideration.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Mendenhall
2018 President, National Association of REALTORS®



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