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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Adam Smith
Chairman
House Armed Service Committee
2216 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Mike Rogers
Ranking Member
House Armed Services Committee
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Dear Chairman and Ranking Member:

As you consider the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 defense authorization bill, we respectfully request that you adopt the text of H.R 266, which would name the Air Force Utah Test and Training Range as the “Bishop Utah Test and Training Range in honor of former Utah Congressman Rob Bishop.

As you well know, Congressman Rob Bishop served 18 distinguished years as a House of Representatives member. Throughout those 18 years, he was a staunch advocate for Utahns, Hill Air Force Base, and the Utah Test and Training Range. He committed countless hours to advocate for his constituents, many of whom are veterans, service members, and their families. Furthermore, he dedicated his entire Congressional career to serving as a House Armed Services Committee member. He continuously sponsored legislation to further military capabilities, increase readiness, and deter our adversaries. Congressman Rob Bishop will forever be known as an “outside the box thinker” to problems; it is only fitting that his name is associated with the land assigned to solve 21st Century problems.

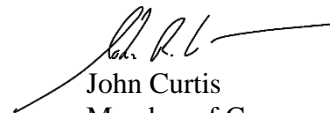
The Utah Test and Training Range has a long, storied history, dating back to the early 1940s when the range was used as a B-17 and B-24 training range. Shortly thereafter, it became the home of P-47 pilot training and the home of B-29’s. In the latter parts of World War II, President Roosevelt established Dugway Proving Grounds on a portion of the UTTR. Throughout the rest of the 20th Century, the range provided training to many different platforms for testing and training, and in 1979 became the range we know today. The UTTR averages 16,000 sorties annually, supporting the largest contingent of F-35’s stationed at Hill Air Force Base.

Thank you for considering this important request and for your leadership on defense and national security issues.

Sincerely,



Chris Stewart
Member of Congress



John Curtis
Member of Congress



Burgess Owens
Member of Congress