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The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Chairman
1324 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Jared Huffman
Ranking Member
1324 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Westerman and Ranking Member Huffman,

I am writing to urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1693, which would rename the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, Wyoming after former Representative Barbara Cubin. Barbara was the first woman elected to federal office from Wyoming and is one of the most consequential public servants our state has ever sent to Washington. She is also a longtime friend. For more than a decade, dedicated her life in service to Wyoming, and as a founding member of the Congressional Western Caucus, she fought tirelessly to protect our lands, western heritage, and way of life.

Nearly 30 years ago, she secured the very legislation that created the center we hope to name in her honor. The National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper brings to life the stories of the 500,000 pioneers who traveled the Oregon, Mormon Pioneer, and California Trails between 1840 and 1890 in search of land, religious freedom, gold, and a better way of life. The interactive exhibits, productions, and galleries take visitors through the triumphs and hardships of westward expansion. It honors the courage and determination of these men and women who persevered these arduous trails and treacherous climates and built the American west. The National Historic Trails Center would not exist without Barbara's hard work, dedication and tenacity.

Renaming the center in honor of Barbara is straightforward: it recognizes her decades of tireless public service as a trailblazer for this project and many others, her role as Wyoming's first female representative in Congress, and the lasting mark she has left on our state and western way of life. I can think of no one more worthy of having their name immortalized at these trails than Barbara Cubin, and I hope you will help us honor this trailblazer by passing H.R. 1693.

Sincerely,



Cynthia M. Lummis
United States Senator