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The Honorable Joe Neguse
United States House of Representatives
Longworth House Office Building 1419
Washington, D. C. 20515

cc: Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee, House Committee on Natural Resources, United States House of Representatives

Subject: Support for H.R. 5001 -- To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to continue to implement endangered fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and the San Juan River Basins, and for other purposes.

Dear Representative Neguse:

As a participant in the San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program, I am writing to express support for H.R. 5001. The bill provides some necessary amendments to the authorizing legislation for the recovery programs (P.L. 106-392) that are needed at this time to assure continuity in recovery program operations. This is important to the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe as the San Juan River Recovery Program provides Endangered Species Act compliance for tribal water projects, namely the Animas La-Plata project, while also recovering endangered fish species, pursuant to the Colorado Ute Settlement Act Amendments of 2000 (Title III of Pub. L. No. 106-554).

Our thanks to you for introducing H.R. 5001. We look forward to its passage by the House of Representatives. If you have any questions regarding our support, please contact Leland Begay, Associate General Counsel, at lelandbegay@utemountain.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Manuel Heart".

Manuel Heart
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Chairman