

Statement for the Record of
Congresswoman Celeste Maloy of Utah
H.R. 8666 to amend title 28, United States Code, to authorize holding court for the Central
Division of Utah in Moab and Monticello

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Thank you, Chairman Jordan, for your leadership bringing this bill up for consideration, and for your responsiveness to the needs of rural Utahns. This Act amends title 28 U.S.C. § 125(2) to add Moab and Monticello as places of holding court in the Central Division of the District of Utah. It will ease a substantial burden for residence of Southeast Utah who face hundreds of miles and many hours of travel to serve as jurors or appear before a federal judge.

The Judicial Conference of the United States recommends these changes, and the bill has the support of the District Court in the District of Utah, the Judicial Council of the Tenth Circuit, and the affected Defenders Services and the U.S. Attorney's Offices.

The changes proposed by H.R. 8666 come with no additional expense to the American taxpayer. The state and county courthouses in Moab and Monticello have agreed to allow the district full use of their facilities at no cost. Once enacted, H.R. 8666 will give the district the flexibility to better serve remote part of the state, including the option to adopt an effective program for rural jury service.



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