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Washington, DC 20240

The Honorable Joe Manchin III
Chairman, Committee on Energy
and Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I hereby transmit the enclosed Mill Springs Battlefield Special Resource Study. The study was completed pursuant to Public Law 113-291, which directed the Secretary of the Interior to evaluate the potential of establishing a unit of the national park system to commemorate and protect the site of the American Civil War Battle of Mill Springs. The study area, as defined in the legislation, encompasses the National Historic Landmark designation relating to the 1862 Battle of Mill Springs located in Pulaski and Wayne Counties in southeastern Kentucky. The study was conducted by the National Park Service (NPS).

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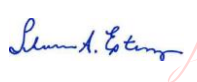
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In March 2019, as the NPS was completing the study process, Congress passed legislation establishing the Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument (Public Law 116-9, the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act), subject to a determination by the Secretary of the Interior that a sufficient quantity of land or interests in land has been acquired to constitute a manageable park unit. In accordance with the legislation, Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument was formally established as the 421st unit of the national park system in September 2020. Given the statutory directive, the study has been concluded. The study is now being transmitted to Congress simply to complete the study process and meet the requirement of

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Sincerely,

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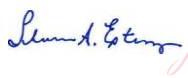
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