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# WILDERNESS IS OUR COMMON GROUND

When my family moved to Las Cruces in 1970, we were overwhelmed by the beauty that surrounded us. Today, our happiest family memories are of hiking, bird watching, and picnicking in the wild areas of Doña Ana County—especially the Organ Mountains. I am still awestruck as the color of the mountains change with the light and seasons. New Mexico's spectacular wilderness is what makes our community so special. By stepping up and working to protect these unique lands, we can ensure that these wilderness areas can be enjoyed for generations to come. Because wilderness is about more than just protecting New Mexico's special places, it's about creating possibilities for everyone.

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