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Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Patrick Wilkinson, Division Chief
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Department of the Interior
Mail Stop 401-LS, 1849 C Street, NW
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Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

My constituent, Mr. Martin Wiesiolek with Colorado DiscoverAbility, has recently contacted me regarding an inquiry with your agency. Enclosed in this correspondence is the Privacy Release Form from my constituent and a letter that details the circumstances.

The permitting process for Westwater Canyon appears to limit access to the same 18 concessionaires who have been given permits since the 1980s. The costs of these trips make access unavailable to DiscoverAbility's clientele, most of whom are "wounded warriors." Is there an opportunity for this company to provide these important services to a clientele that, due to their circumstances, would never access other concessionaires for services?

I would appreciate it if you would review this matter and provide me with the information that addresses my constituent's concerns. Please grant full and fair consideration with all rules and regulations applicable to this matter.

Please direct your response to my Grand Junction office. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Richard Baca, my Constituent Services Caseworker, at (970) 245-7107. Thank you for your attention and consideration regarding this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John T. Salazar".

John T. Salazar
Member of Congress

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