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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. My name is Keku Kamalani, UNLV intern for Senator Dina Titus.

As a member of Senator Titus' staff, I had the privilege of assisting the Senator in her quest to save Red Rock Canyon from development. While serving as the Senator's point man, I had the opportunity to work with a broad coalition comprised of businesses, environmentalists, university professors, recreational clubs, and average citizens. In what can be described as grass roots mobilization at its best, these people tirelessly attended rallies, wrote emails to legislators, and distributed petitions that generated thousands upon thousands of signatures. And they did it with no money-without the hundreds of thousands of dollars spent by the opposition.

WHAT I NOW HAVE CLUTCHED IN MY HANDS ARE THE FRUITS OF THEIR LABOR. These are the signatures of more than 11,000 people who understand the importance of protecting the Crown Jewel of Southern Nevada.

Prior to working on SB 358, I had assumed that no one would develop homes in Red Rock Canyon. To do so would have been blasphemy in the eyes of every Southern Nevadan who enjoys the great outdoors. As we have seen, times have changed. As a result of working with Senator Titus and witnessing firsthand her struggle to protect Red Rock, I was able to rekindle

my love for a state treasure that I had taken for granted. Thanks to Senator Titus' hard work and vision, SB 358 gives me hope that my children and future generations will have the same opportunity to experience the natural beauty and splendor that we currently associate with Red Rock Canyon. So I urge you to support SB 358. Thank you.