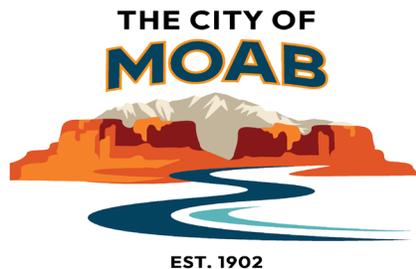


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The Honorable Senator Mike Lee
United States Senate
363 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Lee,

On behalf of the Moab City Council, I am writing to advocate for the reauthorization of congressional funding for the Great American Outdoors Act – Legacy Restoration Fund.

As you know, Arches National Park is one of Utah's renowned "Mighty Five" national parks and an economic cornerstone for Moab and the entire state. The City of Moab has been collaborating with the National Park Service Southeast Utah Group for over a year to assess the feasibility of supplying wastewater disposal and water service to Arches National Park.

The NPS regional team is optimistic that this project will be a top candidate for LRF funding in 2026. This project, with an estimated cost of \$26 million, will significantly benefit Arches National Park while also generating valuable economic opportunities for Moab City.

Arches National Park's existing water system faces increasing contamination levels, threatening the availability of potable water for visitors and staff. In addition, the park's multiple septic systems require increasingly frequent pumping and service. By connecting Arches to the city's water and wastewater systems, we can eliminate the ongoing challenges associated with providing clean drinking water and adequate waste/wastewater disposal at Arches, decrease the operations and maintenance needed for the current systems, and reduce annual costs by nearly \$100,000 per year.

Moreover, integrating Arches with Moab City's utility system for wastewater and water supply will enable future development at the UMTRA site upon its closure and enhance continued economic growth north of the Colorado River.

We sincerely hope you will strongly support the reauthorization of the Great American Outdoors Act and the Legacy Restoration Fund, which will benefit our community and numerous other gateway communities and national parks across the country.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to our continued work together.

Respectfully,

Joette Langianese
Mayor, Moab City