



Muscogee (CREEK) Nation

Executive Office

April 25, 2024

Hon. Joe Manchin III, Chairman
Hon. John Barrasso, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Energy and
Natural Resources
304 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Hon. Bruce Westerman, Chairman
Hon. Raul Grijalva, Ranking Member
House Natural Resources Committee
1324 Longworth HOB
Washington DC, 20515

RE: Approval of Ocmulgee Mounds National Park and Preserve Bill

Dear Chairman Manchin, Ranking Member Barrasso, Chairman Westerman, and Ranking Member Grijalva,

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation has worked closely with Senators Ossoff and Warnock and Representatives Scott and Bishop to help develop and review the draft Ocmulgee Mounds National Park and Preserve Bill. We are in full support of the draft text and proposed boundary of the Ocmulgee Mounds National Park and Preserve unit. We are thrilled to see this bill introduced and stand ready to support this legislation every step of the way.

It has been a privilege and honor to collaborate these Senators, Members, and their staff to establish Georgia's first National Park and Preserve. The Ocmulgee Mounds, Ocmulgee River, and all of middle Georgia hold historical significance to The Muscogee (Creek) Nation. We are ready to help preserve and co-manage the land which holds the rich cultural history, natural resources, and recreational opportunities that a National Park and Preserve will bring to Georgia. We urge you, as the leaders of the committees of jurisdiction in the Senate and House, to act as quickly as is possible to move this legislation through Committee once it is introduced.

Mvto.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David W. Hill".

David W. Hill
Principal Chief