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MONUMENTAL SHIFT APPLAUDS TEXAS CONGRESSWOMAN ESCOBAR'S MONUMENTAL STEPS TO PROTECT CASTER RANGE

TEXAS - Today, Monumental SHIFT applauds Representative Escobar's letter to President Biden and his administration urging the use of his executive powers to protect Castner Range through the Antiquities Act, the oldest conservation tool created to protect historic, prehistoric, and scientific features on public lands.

"This 7,000-acre parcel of God's creation, with its stunning peaks and colorful poppy fields, not only has important historical significance and conservation value but is pivotal because of the outdoor access it could provide local communities, particularly Latinx and Black families, some of which have long-standing ties to Fort Bliss. Designating Castner Range as a national monument not only helps us better steward God's creation but helps us live into our call to rightly share the gifts of creation by providing more equitable access to outdoor spaces."- Cassandra Carmichael [National Religious Partnership for the Environment](#)

Representative Escobar introduced the Castner Range National Monument Act (H.R.2752) in April of 2021, making today's letter a continuation of her support for Castner Range, as a staple of beauty, culture, and history located in one of the largest binational communities. Monumental SHIFT joins the Congresswoman's call to President Biden, and reiterates the importance of the Administration's swift actions through the Antiquities Act.

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