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Jim Justice
Governor of West Virginia

February 14, 2018

Mr. Ty Gray, Director
Arizona Game and Fish Department
5000 W. Carefree Highway
Phoenix, Arizona 85086-5000

Dear Mr. Gray:

I would like to personally thank you and the Arizona Game and Fish Commission for your willingness to share Arizona's elk resource with us, as we strive to restore this magnificent animal back to the State of West Virginia. In particular, I would like to recognize your outstanding staff with the Arizona Game and Fish Department and the wonderful volunteers for their leadership, professionalism and hospitality.

Through their extraordinary efforts, sixty elk were captured and processed during a two-day period in late January. These animals will soon be heading to West Virginia, as part of our historic elk restoration project. I hope you can take pride and share in our excitement, as we work together on this major wildlife conservation effort. Through this restoration program, we anticipate our state will soon support a viable, self-sustaining elk population that provides opportunities for wildlife viewing, hunting and economic benefits to our local communities.

Once again, thank you for sharing your elk resource and providing the technical expertise and staff time required to effectively engage in this restoration effort. Your kindness and assistance are most appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jim Justice".

Jim Justice
Governor of West Virginia

cc: Stephen S. McDaniel