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To H.E. Mr. Enkhbayar Jamdamba,

On behalf of the National Bison Association (NBA), I am pleased to express our strong support for the United Nations' designation of 2026 as the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP). As the United States national organization representing bison producers, marketers, tribal herds, conservation partners, and supporters across North America, we recognize that healthy rangelands are the foundation of both our industry and the long-term stewardship of the North American bison.

Rangelands and pastoralists are central to the NBA's mission to promote the bison business, conserve the species, and support regenerative management practices. Bison thrive on well-managed grasslands, and the producers who care for them play a vital role in maintaining biodiversity, improving soil health, and sustaining rural economies. The IYRP designation elevates the global importance of these landscapes and the people who steward them—an alignment that directly supports the values and work of our association.

The NBA is prepared to contribute meaningfully to IYRP 2026 through education, outreach, and collaboration. Planned and potential activities include integrating IYRP themes into NBA conferences, webinars, and field days, with a focus on grazing management, rangeland ecology, and climate resilience. These efforts build on our longstanding commitment to producer education, resource development, and the conservation of North America's grassland ecosystems. We are committed to aligning resources where they can have the greatest impact on rangeland stewardship and producer engagement.

We're grateful to be part of a worldwide community of over 100 countries and 400 organizations united in support of the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists.

Sincerely,

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