

INSTRUCTIONS

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Thank you for your support of Michelino!

TEMPLATE MESSAGE

Feel free to copy/paste the below, or use it as inspiration for your own words

I am one of your constituents and would like to bring to your attention a troubling case of overcriminalization and taxpayer waste involving the National Park Service (NPS) and the Department of Justice (DOJ). Michelino Sunseri—a professional runner, bartender, and Idaho resident—currently faces federal misdemeanor charges for running on an allegedly closed trail during his attempt at a Grand Teton speed record.

This trail has been used safely and consistently for over 50 years, with no prior prosecutions. Some rangers have even referred to it as a “locals only” trail. The NPS bases its case on two small, ambiguously worded signs, obscured in the brush and easily missed.

Despite multiple formal proposals from Michelino for deferred prosecution with community service, the prosecutor insists on proceeding to trial. This appears to conflict with the recent Executive Order on “Fighting Overcriminalization in Federal Regulations.” Rather than focusing resources on real public safety threats, the NPS and DOJ are using taxpayer dollars to make an example of Michelino. This case not only wastes tens of thousands of taxpayer dollars but also risks further eroding public trust in our federal institutions.

I respectfully urge you to review this matter and consider inquiring with the Attorney General, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Acting Director of the National Park Service about whether a more reasonable resolution can be reached.

A petition supporting Michelino is available at change.org/freemichelino. Copies of the petition have been sent to Acting U.S. Attorney for the District of Wyoming Stephanie Sprecher, NPS Chief of Staff Susan Farinelli, NPS Deputy Director Frank Lands, NPS Intermountain Regional Director Kate Hammond, and Grand Teton National Park Superintendent Chip Jenkins.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.