



*Home Of The Twenty-Time NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Champions*

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Mr. Brian Steed  
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Dear Mr. Steed:

We are writing to request that you support the restoration of the Bonneville Salt Flats and help direct additional funding to the preservation of this national treasure. This venue is a unique symbol of American ingenuity and one of the most significant locations in the global history of motorsports. It is a historic landmark that deserves to be preserved and protected.

We have devoted our lives to motorsports, particularly NHRA Championship Drag Racing, and we can tell you without hesitation the Bonneville Salt Flats have been instrumental in the development of safety and engine performance that have benefited not just our careers but the entire motorsports and automotive industry.

It honestly cannot be overstated how important the Bonneville Salt Flats are to thousands of men and women who race there annually and the tens of thousands of every day motorists who benefit from the performance developments achieved there.

For many decades the Bureau of Land Management has issued leases allowing salt brine to be legally transferred from Bonneville. For five years between 1997-2002 a pilot program showed that a return of 1.5 million tons/year would help restore Bonneville and more than that would be even more significant.

It is our understanding that the mine owners, the racing community and the Bureau of Land Management have developed a program to return the pumping levels to 1.5 million tons/year or more for at least ten years. We are requesting that your office and the U.S. Congress help fund the infrastructure needed to implement this program.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to seeing this project move ahead to protect this amazing piece of our national history.

Sincerely,

John Force  
16-time NHRA Funny Car Champion

Robert Hight  
2-time NHRA Funny Car Champion

The block contains two handwritten signatures. On the left is the signature of John Force, and on the right is the signature of Robert Hight. Both signatures are written in black ink and are connected by a horizontal line.