

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

November 19, 2019

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer  
Majority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Steve Scalise  
Minority Whip  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Minority Leader McCarthy, Majority Leader Hoyer, and Minority Whip Scalise:

As members of the National Parks Caucus, we are writing today in support of Restore Our Parks and Public Lands Act, H.R. 1225, bipartisan legislation that would provide \$6.5 billion over five years to help address priority repairs within our parks and public lands. We respectfully urge that H.R. 1225 be given floor time as soon as possible.

Aging infrastructure and record visitation at many park sites, combined with inconsistent annual deferred maintenance funding over decades, has resulted in an overall National Park Service (NPS) repair backlog of almost \$12 billion. Fortunately, there are smart solutions that have garnered tremendous support in Congress.

The bipartisan Restore Our Parks and Public Lands Act, H.R. 1225, has 329 cosponsors and passed out of the House Natural Resources Committee on June 26, 2019 with a vote of 36-2. It's important to act on this legislation now. Inaction threatens the integrity of park resources, visitor access, and the economic livelihood of local communities, and the costs will only grow. Investment in our national parks has a proven rate of return. Nationwide, parks contribute over \$40 billion our economy and generate over 325,000 jobs each year.

As Members of Congress with parks and gateway communities in our districts and as members of the National Parks Caucus, we urge you to advance this important legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

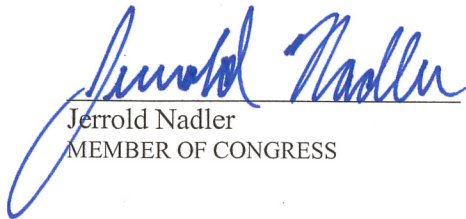
Sincerely,



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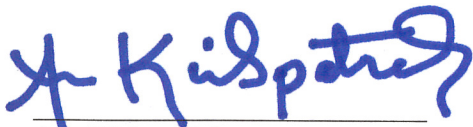
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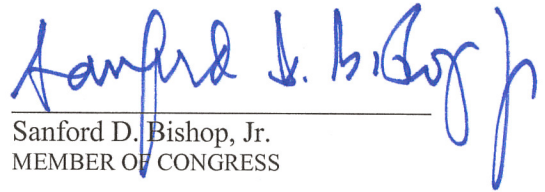
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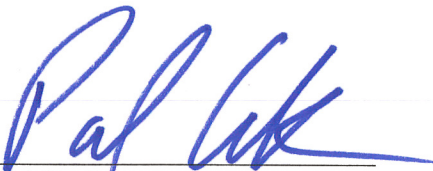
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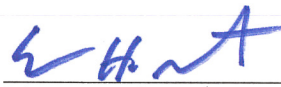
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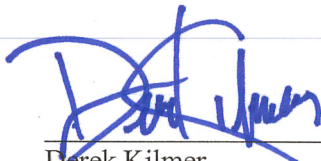
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