Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 5, 2013

President Barack Obama
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On the eve of the 100th anniversary of our National Park System, we invite you to work with us to formulate and execute a bipartisan, dynamic, and effective initiative to commemorate the national park centennial and prepare our national parks for their second century of service to the American people.

In three years, the nation will mark the 100th anniversary of the creation of the modern National Park System. Since the National Park Service Organic Act was signed into law in 1916, the Park System has grown to include splendid examples of America's natural and scenic heritage, as well as places of historic importance to our country. Support for the national parks is an issue most Americans agree is important – particularly as our parks are enjoyed and utilized by persons across our country regardless of their background.

Past presidents and congresses have worked together at key times to repair, improve and enhance parks and facilities, to develop creative ways of connecting the American people with our national treasures and to better preserve our parks for future generations. The national park centennial provides an opportunity to reinvigorate the national parks for their second century of service. We look forward to working with you and your staff to build on momentum from the 100th anniversary of the National Parks System to find a sustainable path forward for our national parks.

Sincerely,

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U.S. Senator

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Rob Portman
U.S. Senator

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U.S. Representative

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