

Re-Building our National Parks

March 5, 2018

Dear Member of Congress:

As engineers, architects, planners, landscape architects, and trade and professional associations, we are deeply aware of the need to maintain our nation's infrastructure, including the roads, trails, historic structures, and visitor centers that make safe, memorable, and learning experiences out of travelling to America's national parks.

Unfortunately, after decades of unreliable funding, the National Park Service (NPS) has an infrastructure repair backlog estimated at \$11.6 billion (FY 2017), half of which consists of roads, bridges, and tunnels. Without these amenities, visitors would be hindered in getting to special places like Old Faithful in Yellowstone National Park, Cadillac Mountain in Acadia National Park, and Little Round Top at Gettysburg National Military Park. Deferred maintenance affects almost every national park site across the country, and includes crucial repairs to aging buildings and historical structures, electrical, water, mechanical, and plumbing systems, and other infrastructure that is vital to keeping parks accessible and safe for visitors.

A recent study indicates that investment in NPS' maintenance backlog has the potential to create or support over 110,000 quality jobs in the infrastructure industry. These jobs could likely benefit contractors, manufacturers, and tradespeople located in communities adjacent to national parks and in surrounding areas. We urge you to provide dedicated annual federal funding to address deferred maintenance in national parks and to ensure that NPS receives significant resources for deferred maintenance in any potential national infrastructure proposal.

Rebuilding and fixing the National Park System will help to employ thousands of American workers, support continued tourism and economic development in hundreds of park gateway communities, and ensure that our national treasures are preserved for generations to come.

Sincerely,

National Signatories

Air Conditioning Contractors of America
American Coatings Association
American Concrete Institute
American Concrete Institute Foundation
American Concrete Pipe Association
American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association
American Concrete Pumping Association
American Council of Engineering Companies
American Foundry Society
American Institute of Architects
American Planning Association
American Segmental Bridge Institute
American Society of Civil Engineers
American Society of Landscape Architects
American Supply Association
Associated General Contractors of America
Association of the Wall and Ceiling Industry
Concrete Foundations Association
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute
Construction Industry Air Quality Coalition
Construction Industry Coalition on Water Quality

Construction Specifications Institute
Ductile Iron Pipe Research Association
Engineering Contractors Association
Independent Electrical Contractors, Inc.
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Land Improvement Contractors of America
Mechanical Contractors Association of America
National Asphalt Pavement Association
National Association of Minority Contractors
National Association of Women in Construction
National Electrical Contractors Association
National Precast Concrete Association
National Utility Contractors Association
Painting and Decorating Contractors of America
Portland Cement Association
Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute
Professional TrailBuilders Association
Sheet Metal & Air Conditioning Contractors National Assoc.
Tilt-Up Concrete Association
United Steelworkers (USW)

State Signatories

Arizona

American Council of Engineering Companies of Arizona
American Institute of Architects – Arizona Chapter
American Planning Association – Arizona Chapter
American Society of Landscape Architects – Arizona Chapter
Arizona Construction Trades
Associated General Contractors of America – Arizona Chapter
National Electrical Contractors Association – Arizona Chapter
National Electrical Contractors Association – Southern Arizona Chapter

Arkansas

National Utility Contractors Association – Arkansas Chapter

California

American Council of Engineering Companies – California Chapter
American Institute of Architects – California Council
California Asphalt Pavement Association
California Construction and Industrial Materials Association
California Forestry Association
California Nevada Cement Association
National Association of Minority Contractors – Southern California Chapter
United Contractors – California

Colorado

American Planning Association – Colorado Chapter
Associated General Contracts – Colorado Chapter

Connecticut

Utility Contractors Association of Connecticut

Florida

American Institute of Architects – Florida Chapter
American Planning Association – Florida Chapter
American Society of Landscape Architects – Florida Chapter
Asphalt Contractors Association of Florida, Inc.
Associated Builders & Contractors – Florida Chapter
Florida Engineering Society
Florida Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Contractors Association
Florida Surveying and Mapping Society
Florida Transportation Builders' Association
National Association of Women in Construction – Greater Palm Beach
National Association of Women in Construction – Tampa Chapter #36
Suncoast Utility Contractors Association

Hawaii

National Utility Contractors Association – Hawaii Chapter

Indiana

American Institute of Architects Indiana

Kentucky

American Institute of Architects Kentucky

Louisiana

American Council of Engineering Companies – Louisiana Chapter
American Institute of Architects – Louisiana Chapter
American Institute of Architects – New Orleans Chapter
Associated Builders and Contractors – Bayou/New Orleans Chapter
Concrete and Aggregates Association of Louisiana
Louisiana Associated General Contractors

Maine

Associated General Contractors – Maine Chapter
Boston Society of Landscape Architects – Maine Section

Massachusetts

Boston Society of Landscape Architects

Michigan

American Institute of Architects – Michigan Chapter
Laborers' Local Union 1191

Minnesota

American Institute of Architects Minnesota
Associated General Contractors – Minnesota Chapter
Minnesota Asphalt Pavement Association
Minnesota Transportation Alliance

Montana

American Council of Engineering Companies – Montana Chapter
Montana Building Industry Association
Montana Contractors' Association
Structural Engineers Association of Montana

New Mexico

American Institute of Architects New Mexico

New York

American Institute of Architects – Brooklyn Chapter
American Institute of Architects New York
General Contractors Association of New York
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 325
Laborers' Local 1010
National Association of Minority Contractors – Tri-State Chapter
National Electrical Contractors Association – Finger Lakes Chapter
National Electrical Contractors Association – Hudson Valley Chapter
National Electrical Contractors Association – Long Island Chapter

Ohio

American Council of Engineering Companies – Ohio Chapter
American Institute of Architects – Ohio Chapter
American Planning Association – Ohio Chapter
Associated Builders and Contractors of Northern Ohio
Ohio Cast Metals Association

Oklahoma

American Institute of Architects – Oklahoma Chapter

Oregon

American Council of Engineering Companies of Oregon
American Institute of Architects – Portland Chapter
American Planning Association – Oregon Chapter
Asphalt Pavement Association of Oregon
Cement Masons Local 555 – Oregon, SW Washington, and Southern Idaho
International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 23
International Union of Operating Engineers Local 701
International Union of Painters & Allied Trades District Council 5
Ironworkers Local 29
Laborers International Union of North America Local 737
Oregon Contractors Association
Oregon and Southern Idaho District Council of Laborers
Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters
Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Local 16
Teamsters Council Local 37
United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers, and Allied Trades Local 49

Pennsylvania

American Institute of Architects – Pennsylvania Chapter
National Electrical Contractors Association – Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey Chapter
National Electrical Contractors Association – Western Pennsylvania Chapter

South Carolina

American Institute of Architects South Carolina

South Dakota

American Institute of Architects South Dakota

Tennessee

American Institute of Architects – Tennessee Chapter
American Planning Association – Tennessee Chapter
American Society of Landscape Architects – Tennessee Chapter
Associated Builders and Contractors – Tennessee Chapter
Associated General Contractors – Tennessee Chapter
Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association
Tennessee Road Builders Association
Tennessee Solar Energy Industries Association

Texas

American Planning Association – Texas Chapter
American Society of Landscape Architects – Texas Chapter
Associated General Contractors: Highway, Heavy, Utilities & Industrial Branch – Texas Chapter
Associated General Contractors: Building Branch – Texas Chapter
Associated Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors of Texas
Central Texas Subcontractor Association
Independent Electrical Contractors of Texas
Mechanical Contractors Association – Texas Chapter

Virginia

National Association of Women in Construction – Richmond Chapter
National Electrical Contractors Association – Atlantic Coast Chapter
National Utility Contractors Association – Virginia Chapter

Washington

American Council of Engineering Companies – Washington Chapter
American Institute of Architects – Seattle Chapter
American Institute of Architects Washington
Cement Masons and Plasterers Local 528
Central Washington Building Trades Council
International Brotherhood of Boilermakers Local 104
International Union of Operating Engineers Local 286
Laborers International Union of North America Local 238 (Spokane)
Laborers International Union of North America Local 1239 (Seattle)
National Electrical Contractors Association – Puget Sound Chapter
Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons International Association Local 72
Pierce County Building Trades Council
SMART Union Transportation Division/United Transportation Union

Washington Asphalt Pavement Association
Washington Building Trades
Washington & Northern Idaho District Council of Laborers

West Virginia

American Institute of Architects – West Virginia Chapter

Wisconsin

American Institute of Architects – Wisconsin Chapter
Heat & Frost Insulators Local 127
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 494
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 498
International Union of Operating Engineers Local 139
International Union of Painters & Allied Trades, District Council 82
Laborers' Local 113
Milwaukee Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO
NorthEast Wisconsin Building & Construction Trades Council
Sheet Metal Workers (SMART) Local 18
Teamsters Joint Council 39
The United Association Union of Plumbers, Fitters, Welders, & Service Techs Local 111
Wisconsin Counties Association
Wisconsin Laborers District Council
Wisconsin State AFL-CIO

Wyoming

Wyoming AFL-CIO
Wyoming Federation of Union Sportsmen