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July 24, 2003

David Berhardt
Director of Congressional and Legislative Affairs
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Director Berhardt:

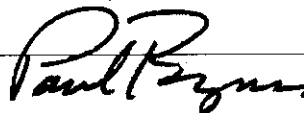
I was recently contacted by a constituent non-responsive of Franklin, Wisconsin, regarding the specific questions he has concerning a sculpture of three soldiers at the Vietnam Memorial.

I would appreciate it if you would look into this matter to determine if anything can be done – consistent with all laws and regulations – to review and respond to John's questions. You will find a copy of his e-mail to my office enclosed, which provides additional details.

Please address your response to my Janesville office and reference my file number 178167. My Janesville office address is 20 South Main Street, Suite 10, Janesville, Wisconsin, 53545. Should you have any questions about this request, my Constituent Services Assistant, Tricia Stoneking, can be contacted at (608) 752-4050.

Again, thank you for your assistance in this matter. I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,



Paul Ryan
Member of Congress

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Honorable Paul Ryan
Member, United States House
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20 South Main Street, Suite 10
Janesville, Wisconsin 53545

Dear Mr. Ryan:

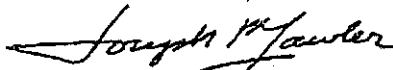
This letter is in response to your request of July 24, 2003, on behalf of your constituent, non-responsive. His questions pertained to the sculpture of the three servicemen at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Frederick Hart is the sculptor of this bronze artwork, which is entitled, "Three Soldiers." Although the sculpture is part of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial owned by the United States and administered by the National Park Service, the National Park Service does not have its copyright. As a result, the National Park Service is not in a position to grant non-responsive request for use of the sculpture's image.

It is our understanding that the copyright is jointly held by the estate of Mr. Hart and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. Since according to non-responsive communication to you, he is already in contact with both parties, he will need to continue this course of action to secure permission for his proposed reproduction.

We hope this information is helpful to you in responding to non-responsive about the "Three Soldiers." Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,



ACTING Regional Director, National Capital Region

Copy sent to your Washington, D.C., office

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December 17, 2002

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David Berhardt
Director of Congressional and Legislative Affairs
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Director Berhardt:


I was recently contacted by a constituent [redacted] of Oak Creek, Wisconsin, regarding her request for information relating to a Milwaukee County (Wisconsin) Park, located in Oak Creek, Wisconsin.

As I understand it, [redacted] believes that the County obtained the funding for the purchase of the Bender Park property (in Oak Creek, Wisconsin), in/around 1968, via the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) and a program she refers to as LAWCON. She also believes that the terms through which Milwaukee County acquired the funding (via the DOI) to purchase Bender Park prohibited use and/or development of the land for certain purposes and required that it be used for other more specific projects. [redacted] said that the County failed to take action to develop the park land until recently. She is convinced that the County's current proposed plans for development of this park property are in violation of the County's agreement (made back in the late 1960s) with the DOI. Therefore, [redacted] is seeking copies of the agreement made between the DOI and the County relating to the funding and purchase of this property. I have enclosed a copy of her signed request, along with a few documents she provided my office that may aid you in your search.

I would appreciate it if you would look into this matter to determine if anything can be done - consistent with all laws and regulations - to assist [redacted] by providing her the information that she is requesting.

Please address your response to my Janesville office and reference my file number 161049. My Janesville office address is 20 South Main Street, Suite 10, Janesville, Wisconsin, 53545. Should you have any questions about this request, my District Director, Danyell Tremmel, can be contacted at (608) 752-4050.

Again, thank you for your assistance in this matter. I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

Paul Ryan
Member of Congress

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non-responsive
Name: _____
Address: _____
City and Zip Code: Dak Creek, WI 53154 Date of Birth *non-responsive*
Phone Number (Home) *non-responsive* (Work) VARIES DAILY
Social Security Number _____ Veteran's Number _____
Alien Registration or LIN/Receipt Number _____

Agency Involved: Milwaukee County (Parks)

The Problem Is: (attach an additional sheet(s) if necessary) I suspect the County officials have forged/altared the acquisition paperwork for Bender Park to allow for development that was not allowed under law can the federal funding source. In short they are not planning to develop per original terms of funding.
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****Privacy Act Release****

I request and authorize U.S. Representative Paul Ryan to act on my behalf and to receive information from the proper officials regarding the matter described above. Congressman Ryan is authorized by me to receive on my behalf all correspondence and information about my case.

Signed: *non-responsive* Date: Dec 14, 2002

Please return this completed form to:

Congressman Paul Ryan
20 South Main St. Suite 10
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phone: (608) 752-4050
fax: (608) 752-4711

***Please note that the Privacy Act Release requires that you authorize access to your private records. Your signature above will enable Congressman Ryan to make the necessary inquiries on your behalf.

I would also like to know if the
County was required to develop in a
defined time frame and what
happens when development does not
occur. See attached letter.

from the City of St. Louis.

I have requested the original paperwork on the acquisition of Baden Property because some of us believe the 1st purchase was for a family park, and the 2nd for a 9 hole golf course.

The current proposed development is an eight-hole golf course.

This is a much prettier family community. We are not golfers. Current development plans for an 18 hole 4.0 style golf course would eat up the majority of developable land.

Although we have a number of city park areas with playground equipment we don't have archery, park, cross country trails, roller skating, archery or other inexpensive family park activities. There has also been consistent resident expression of desire for the development of a marina and other water sport activities.

Although we now have a boat launch and Swimming area Miller Co. has not provided a life guard, and I don't believe they monitor the water and close swimming when polluted.

This is a concern considering the swimming area is perhaps a quarter mile south of the Miller metro sewage treatment plant.

it is less than a mile north
of Unalaska power plant and
each year we seem to have
a new nuisance such as
dead ocean fish (Alewife's) mussel
clams, and more recently lake
weed. I don't know if its milk
weed but it interferes with boats
and swimmers and strikes
when washed ashore.

It has been over 30 years. The
future of the County Borough
to develop has had no negative
impact on this district (M) of
O.C. Land values has remained low
in the area. Adjacent properties
are in official light status.
Excessed Remain acquisition is
probable. The City of O.C. has legally
devalued shoreline properties with
legal zoning changes to eq. and
ordinance passage of shoreline
own-ly districts.

In short, we have to acquire
the original paperwork to establish
if Title Co is breaking the law.
I am not comfortable with the
enclosed Privacy Act Release access
to my private records. Thank you
for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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PROJECT AGREEMENT

Planning area Southeast
 County Milwaukee
 Political subdivision County of Milwaukee
 Project number 48 - 00231
 Date 5-27-68

PROJECT TITLE

Oak Creek Park Acquisition Project No. 2

PERIOD COVERED BY AGREEMENT

5-27-68 to 12-31-69

PROJECT PERIOD

5-27-68 to 12-31-69

PROJECT SCOPE (DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT)

This project will consist of the acquisition by the County of Milwaukee of 85+ acres for park expansion purposes. Three tracts and ownerships are involved. These tracts lie adjacent to the land parcels acquired under approved project No. 48 - 00027, and are located in Milwaukee County. Acquisition is intended to be by negotiation of fee simple absolute with no mineral rights or interests reserved by the grantor. All is further described in the project proposal and attachments.

Parcel No. 1 (Breakfield & Saxler) 53 acres +:	\$113,000.00
Parcel No. 2 (Frank Baranek et al) 16.49 acres +:	36,800.00
Parcel No. 3 (Radtke) 15.55 acres +:	31,000.00

STAGE COVERED BY THIS AGREEMENT

Entire project: Acquisition of Parcels No. 1, 2 and 3.

PROJECT COST

Total cost as shown by project proposal	\$ <u>180,800.00</u>
Fund support	<u>50%</u>
Amount of fund support	\$ <u>90,400.00</u>
Cost of this stage to	
<u>County of Milwaukee</u>	\$ <u>180,800.00</u>
(Participant's Name)	
Federal funds for this stage	\$ <u>90,400.00</u>

ATTACHMENTS

1. General Provisions
(dated 4-66)
2. Project Proposal
3. _____
4. _____

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PROJECT AGREEMENT

Planning area	Southeast
County	Milwaukee
Political subdivision	County of Milwaukee
Project number	48 - 00027
Date	3-1-67

PROJECT TITLE
Oak Creek Lakefront Park (No. 47)

PROJECT PERIOD 1-1-66 to 1-1-68	PERIOD COVERED BY AGREEMENT 1-1-66 to 1-1-68
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PROJECT SCOPE

This project will consist of the acquisition by the County of Milwaukee, through its Milwaukee County Park Commission, of 224 acres located in Milwaukee County as further identified in the submitted project proposal. This acquisition will be by negotiation in fee simple absolute with no mineral rights or other rights or interests reserved by the grantor.

STAGE COVERED BY THIS AGREEMENT

Parcel #4 - Approximately 65.25 acres - Bucyrus-Erie property.
Parcel #2 - Approximately 78.00 acres - E. M. Boerke property.

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PROJECT COST

Total project cost as shown by project proposal	\$ 583,288.46
Fund Support Ceiling*	
Percent	50 %
Amount	\$ 291,644.23
Total cost of this project segment	\$ 399,000.00
Cost of this project segment to (sponsor's name)	
County of Milwaukee	\$ 399,000.00
Federal funds for this project segment	\$ 199,500.00

* Support Ceiling - This is the maximum amount of federal assistance that will be provided on a project. This amount is determined at the time of project qualification from information contained in the project proposal, item 7.

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United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

MIDWEST REGION
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OMAHA, NEBRASKA 68102-2571

IN REPLY REFER TO:

January 21, 2003

55-00027 (MWR-CRSP/G)
x55-00231

Honorable Paul Ryan
U.S. House of Representatives
20 South Main Street, Suite 10
Janesville, Wisconsin 53545

File #161049

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Thank you for your December 17, 2002, letter on behalf of your constituent, **non-responsive** concerning Milwaukee County's Bender Park. Your letter, addressed to the Department of the Interior's Director of Congressional and Legislative Affairs, has been referred to this office for response because the National Park Service administers the Land and Water Conservation Fund (L&WCF) program.

Bender Park was acquired with assistance from the L&WCF program in grants 55-00027 and 55-00231. As requested, enclosed are copies of our project agreements. Please note that our agreements are between the Department of the Interior and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). A second set of agreements was executed between the DNR and Milwaukee County. We do not have copies of the State and local agreements.

Our review of the full project documentation indicates that Bender Park was proposed to be developed as a multi-seasonal outdoor recreation area. Suggested facilities include picnic areas, trails, winter sports activities, an 18-hole golf course, archery range, and access to Lake Michigan for boating, fishing and swimming. However, these L&WCF acquisition grants do not bind the county to any specific facilities. The only requirement is that the actual development complies with the intent of the L&WCF program and its established rules and regulations.

We agree with **non-responsive** that an inordinate period of time has elapsed without the park being developed. On occasion in the past 20 years, this office has gone on record as opposing certain non-outdoor recreation activities proposed for this site. One of these was the siting of a sludge disposal site within the park. At the same time, we encouraged the county to follow through in preparing a development plan and in undertaking appropriate outdoor recreation development.

In June 2000, we reviewed and commented on a report entitled "The Development of the Proposed Golf Course at Bender Park." The report explored four major golf course development scenarios. We believe that two of the scenarios can be constructed and operated in accordance with L&WCF program regulations, and that two have components that will conflict with these same regulations. We have shared our opinion with DNR officials.

The L&WCF program officials within with Wisconsin DNR are currently working with county officials on the golf course proposal. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Ms. Leslie Gauberti, Outdoor Recreation Grants Manager, Bureau of Community Assistance, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, Wisconsin 53707, or at 608-267-0496.

Thank you for your interest in the Land and Water Conservation Fund program.

Sincerely,

/s/ David N. Given

David N. Given
Acting Regional Director

Enclosures

bcc:

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Attention: M. McBryde (#2003-00022)

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

November 15, 2002

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TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

ACTION REQUESTED: INFO COPY ONLY/NO ACTION NECESSARY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 527796

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JUL 10, 2002

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: THE HONORABLE HERB KOHL
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR MCCALLUM REQUEST THAT 8 COUNTIES IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN BE DECLARED A MAJOR DISASTER AND REQUEST THAT ADDITIONAL COUNTIES BE PERMITTED TO BE ADDED IF NEW DAMAGES WHICH WARRANT FEDERAL ASSISTANCE ARE DISCOVERED

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**RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE (OR DRAFT) TO:
RECORDS MANAGEMENT, ROOM 72, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500**

OFFICE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT - THE WHITE HOUSE

**THE WHITE HOUSE
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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE HERB KOHL

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REFER QUESTIONS AND ROUTING UPDATES TO RECORDS MANAGEMENT (ROOM 72, OEOB) EXT-62590
KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS MANAGEMENT.

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Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

July 10, 2002

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


Dear Mr. President:

Last week, Wisconsin Governor Scott McCallum formally requested that you act to declare the State of Wisconsin the site of a major disaster as a result of flooding damage in 8 Wisconsin counties. This damage was the result of spring flooding accompanied by heavy rains and severe storms in our state that began June 21, 2002, and continued through the weekend. As members of the Wisconsin delegation, and representatives of the affected areas, we fully support the Governor's request and urge that all necessary actions are taken by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to expedite assistance to our state. We support the Governor's specific request and ask that additional counties be permitted to be added if new damages which warrant federal assistance are discovered.

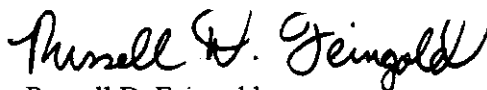
Initial estimates of public losses, as reported by the county emergency management directors, exceed \$5 million. In addition, more than 350 homes have been affected by flooding, many of which are uninsured, and there is an acute need for funds to assist with debris clearance, repair road and water control facility damage, and aid local residents. State and local governments are working with FEMA in the field to compile additional damage estimates and have indicated, as explained in Governor McCallum's request, a willingness to assume appropriate non-federal shares of public assistance and hazard mitigation costs.

We urge you to act quickly on behalf of our constituents, who face a long and difficult clean up.

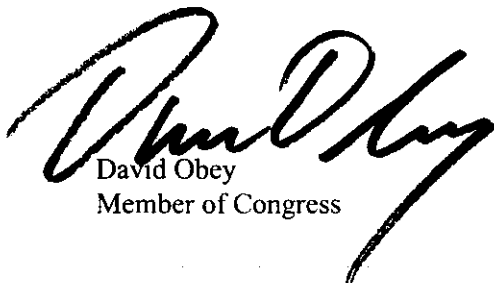
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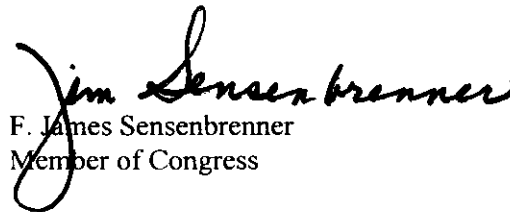
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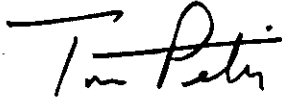


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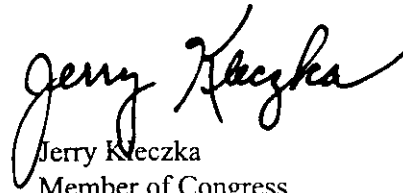


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Member of Congress



Paul Ryan
Member of Congress



Tammy Baldwin
Member of Congress

318889 out

September 9, 2002

Dear Senator Kohl:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to the President requesting that he declare the State of Wisconsin the site of a major disaster as a result of flooding damage in 8 Wisconsin counties.

I have shared your letter with the President's advisors and the appropriate agencies who have been formulating policy recommendations in this area. Your letter is receiving their close and careful attention. You will be receiving a more detailed response in the near future.

Thank you for your comments.

Sincerely,

Nicholas E. Calio
Assistant to the President and
Director of Legislative Affairs

SEP 10 2002

The Honorable Herbert Kohl
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Bcc for Appropriate Action: FEMA
For Information: DOI

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The Honorable David Obey
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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July 11, 2002

Gale Norton
Secretary
Department of Interior
1849 C Street Northwest
Washington, DC 20240-0001


Dear Secretary Norton:

I am writing to bring to your attention a resolution addressed recently by the Rock County Board of Supervisors regarding a proposed casino development. Rock County, Wisconsin is located in Wisconsin's First District, which I serve.

The Bad River Band and the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin should be submitting an application to the Bureau Indian Affairs to place certain land within the City of Beloit into trust status. This is the first step in a process that may result in the development of a casino hotel and retail complex in Beloit. On June 27, 2002, the Rock County Board of Supervisors by a vote of 14 ayes and 14 nays failed to pass an Intergovernmental Agreement with the two Indian tribes and the City of Beloit related to the casino project.

I have attached a copy of the minutes and resolutions of the Rock County Board of Supervisors, which places the County Board on record in opposition to the expansion of Indian gaming in their community. Thank you for taking the time to review these documents. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Paul Ryan

Serving Wisconsin's First District

cc: Neal McCaleb - Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Terry Nybe, Chairman, Rock County Board of Supervisors

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
Indian Gaming Management
BCCO #02952

AUG 13 2002

The Honorable Paul Ryan
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Thank you for your letter dated July 11, 2002, to Secretary Norton, on behalf of the Rock County Board of Supervisors, Rock County, Wisconsin regarding opposition to the proposed casino development by the Bad River Band and the St. Croix Chippewa Tribe of Wisconsin. Your letter was referred to this office for response since it pertains to Indian gaming.

This letter will explain the decision framework of the Department of the Interior regarding the acquisitions of land, in trust, by Indian tribes for gaming. The decision to place land into trust status for the benefit of an Indian tribe is committed to the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), and is made only after careful consideration of land acquisition regulations codified in Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 151. When the purpose of the acquisition is gaming, the requirements of Section 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), 25 U.S.C. § 2719, must also be considered in addition to the requirements of 25 CFR 151 and the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

As a general rule, Section 20 of IGRA prohibits gaming on lands acquired after October 17, 1988, the date of enactment of IGRA, unless one of the following exceptions applies:

- (1) such lands are located within or contiguous to the boundaries of the reservation of the Indian tribe on October 17, 1988;
 - (2) such lands are within the tribe's last recognized reservation within the State or States within which such tribe is presently located;
 - (3) lands are taken in trust as part of (i) a settlement of a land claim, (ii) the initial reservation of or (iii) the restoration of lands for an Indian tribe that is restored to Federal recognition;
 - (4) there are specific exceptions relating to gaming in Oklahoma and for certain tribes elsewhere;
- or

- (5) a determination is made by the Secretary of the Interior, after consultation with appropriate State and local officials and official of nearby tribes, that the gaming establishment on newly acquired land will (1) be in the best interest of the tribe and its members and (2) not be detrimental to the surrounding community, but only if the Governor of the State in which the gaming activities to be conducted concurs in the Secretary's two-part determination. However, it does not diminish the discretionary authority of the Secretary to take land into trust, after satisfying all the necessary criteria contained in 25 CFR 151, for purposes other than gaming.

Trust acquisitions are subject to the approval of the Secretary and must be made pursuant to general and specific statutory authority. The statutory authority most commonly used in the acquisition of land in trust by tribes is Section 5 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, 25 U.S.C. § 465 et seq., which authorizes land to be taken into trust for Indian tribes.

The process of taking land into trust is a lengthy, time consuming process which often results in voluminous factual information and documentation. Public sentiment and concerns relative to the impacts on the surrounding community are two of several issues that must be addressed in the Indian tribe's application, and consultation with the State and local governments having regulatory jurisdiction over the land to be acquired is required under the Bureau of Indian Affairs' land acquisition regulations in 25 CFR Part 151. The final decision to take land in trust is made only after an exhaustive and deliberative review of all relevant criteria, factual information, and legal requirements.

On July 30, 2001, the Bad River Band and the St. Croix Chippewa Tribe submitted an application to the Midwest regional office for the acquisition of 30 acres of land in Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin. The application is currently under review in the Midwest regional office. We are forwarding your letter to that office for inclusion in the record and consideration in the regional director's findings and recommendations. Upon completion of the review of the application, the Midwest Regional Director will submit his findings and recommendations to this office for a final decision.

If you have further questions regarding this matter you may contact the Midwest regional office at the following address: Regional Director, Midwest Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs, One Federal Drive, Room 550, Ft. Snelling, Minnesota 55111.

Thank you for your interest in Indian gaming.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Smith

ACTING Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs

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April 29, 2002

Secretary Gayle Norton
U.S. Department of Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240-0001

Dear Secretary Norton:

I am writing to express my support for the Milton Historical Society's grant proposal for the Save America's Treasures program, which was submitted to the National Park Service.

The Milton House truly serves as one of our Nation's unique historical and cultural treasures. It served as a transfer point for slaves fleeing from the South during the 1840s through the Civil War. The Milton Historical Society has been instrumental in educating the public about the history of the Underground Railroad and the early history of lime mortar construction in America (since it was recognized as the first poured concrete structure in the US) through opening the Milton House as a public museum.

I have reviewed the grant proposal that the Milton Historical Society has submitted, and I am confident that they would make effective use of the \$271,509 that they would receive from the U.S. Department of Interior. Although the facility contains many cultural artifacts, many period materials have aged to a point where aggressive preservation and restoration is needed to save them. The requested funds will allow the museum to demonstrate its historic heritage as a National Historic Landmark, while integrating important functional requirements. The requested funds will stabilize, preserve, rehabilitate and reconstruct existing structural defects, which will ensure that future generations will witness first-hand the tremendous challenges slaves and abolitionists encountered during this volatile time period of our Nation's history.

I support the Milton Historical Society's application for the Save America's Treasure Grant, and I am confident that once you review this application, you will view it favorably as I have. I would appreciate it if you would carefully review the grant proposal submitted by the Milton Historical Society and give it your full consideration for the funding they have requested. Again, thank you for your careful consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to receiving your response to this grant application.

Sincerely,


Paul Ryan
Member of Congress

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Honorable Paul Ryan
House of Representatives
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Dear Mr. Ryan:

Thank you for your letter of April 29, 2002, to this Department supporting the Milton Historical Society's application for a Federal Save America's Treasures grant to preserve the Milton House in Milton, Wisconsin. This application is one of the 385 grant applications received by the National Park Service.

The National Park Service administers these grants in collaboration with the National Endowment for the Arts. A national selection panel, which is comprised of senior staff with expertise in the appropriate disciplines and representing non-competing Federal agencies, will meet in June to evaluate applications and make recommendations for funding to the Secretary of the Interior. By law, the Secretary must consult with the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations prior to commitment of grant funds. Grants will be announced in late summer.

Thank you for your interest in the Save America's Treasures grants.

Sincerely,

Katherine H. Stevenson
Associate Director, Cultural Resource
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August 28, 2001

Gale Norton
Secretary
Department of Interior
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Dear Secretary Norton:

I am writing to bring to your attention a resolution passed recently by the Rock County Board of Supervisors regarding a proposed casino development. Rock County, Wisconsin is located in Wisconsin's First District, which I serve.

The Bad River Band and the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin should be submitting an application to the Bureau Indian Affairs to place certain land within the City of Beloit into trust status. This is the first step in a process that may result in the development of a casino hotel and retail complex in Beloit. On April 26, 2001, the Rock County Board of Supervisors by a vote of 13 ayes and 15 nays failed to pass an Intergovernmental Agreement with the two Indian tribes and the City of Beloit related to the casino project.

I have attached a copy of the minutes and resolutions of the Rock County Board of Supervisors, which places the County Board on record in opposition to the expansion of Indian gaming in their community. Thank you for taking the time to review these documents. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Paul Ryan
Serving Wisconsin's First District

cc: Neal McCaleb - Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs
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Honorable Paul Ryan
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Thank you for your letter dated August 28, 2001, to Secretary Gale Norton, on behalf of the Rock County Board of Supervisors regarding the establishment of a proposed casino in Beloit, Wisconsin, by the Bad River Band and the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin. Secretary Norton has asked me to respond.

On August 9, 2001, the Midwest Region Office received an application to acquire land in trust in the City of Beloit, Wisconsin, for the Bad River Band of Chippewa Indians and the St. Croix Chippewa Tribe for the purpose of establishing a casino. The application is currently under review in the Midwest Region Office. We are forwarding your letter to that office for inclusion in the record and consideration in the Regional Director's findings and recommendations.

If you have further questions regarding this matter you may contact the Midwest Region Office at the following address: Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Region Office, One Federal Building, Room 550, Ft. Snelling, Minnesota 55111. Thank you for your interest in this issue.

Sincerely,

Neal A. McClellan

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

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October 7, 2003

Jaqueline Cheek
Director, Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Mail Stop 4559
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Director Cheek:

My Constituent Services Representative, Tricia Stoneking, has advised me that she continues to have difficulties in obtaining agency responses from your office regarding Congressional Casework Inquiries that are submitted by my office on behalf of our constituents.

During the past few months, several inquires concerning **non-responsive** dated June 17, 2003, and September 2, 2003, were sent to your office. I have enclosed copies of all written correspondence sent to your office for your reference.

As a matter of Congressional courtesy, my office staff allows at least 30 business days to receive a response from government agencies. However, it has now been nearly four months and my office still has not received a response. This timeline is not acceptable.

I would appreciate it if immediate action could be taken to provide a complete and final response to my office on this matter by October 22, 2003. I would also appreciate if you would work with your staff to ensure that prompt responses are provided to my office regarding inquiries that are made.

Please address your written response to Ms. Tricia Stoneking at my Janesville Constituent Services Center. For your reference, my office address is 20 South Main Street, Suite 10, Janesville, Wisconsin, 53545. Ms. Stoneking can be contacted directly by calling (608) 752-4050. Information can also be immediately faxed to (608) 752-4711.

Your prompt cooperation and consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely


Paul Ryan

Serving Wisconsin's First District

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cc: Secretary of the Interior, Gail Norton

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September 2, 2003

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Freedom of Information Act Officer
1620 L Street, N.W., Room 401
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Bureau:

This is in further regard to my letter to you of June 17, 2003, concerning non-responsive
non-responsive I have enclosed a copy of my previous inquiry for your reference.

It has now been almost three months and I have not yet received your reply. I want to bring this matter to your immediate attention and ask that you do everything possible to expedite a final response to my inquiry.

Should you have any questions about this, please contact my Constituent Services Assistant, Tricia Stoneking, at (608) 752-4050.

Your prompt attention to this matter would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,


Paul Ryan
Member of Congress

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December 12, 2008

The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, SE
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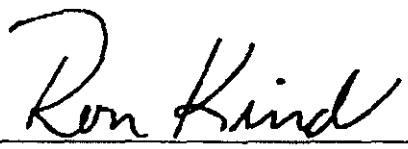
Dear Mr. President:

As fellow sportsmen and Co-Chairmen of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, we are writing to urge you to avoid any actions that would permanently close recreational fishing in marine protected areas or marine reserve designations that are being contemplated for the central and/or western Pacific Ocean. Lacking sound scientific evidence to support such closures, we are concerned that the establishment of additional "no-fishing" zones will send the wrong message to America's 40 million recreational anglers and undermine our nation's conservation foundation, a scientifically managed, user-pay system that is the envy of the world.

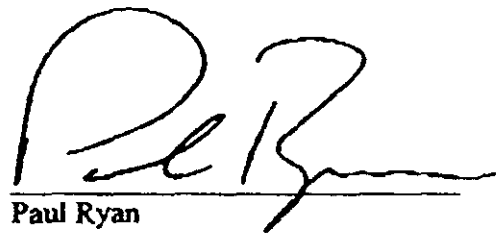
Your Executive Order 13474 specifically states that, "recreational fishing shall be managed as a sustainable activity in national wildlife refuges, national parks, national monuments, national marine sanctuaries, marine protected areas, or any other relevant conservation or management areas or activities under any Federal authority, consistent with applicable law." Clearly any additional designations of marine reserves, monuments or protected areas would fall under this directive and therefore should allow managed, recreational angling to continue.

Anglers have a long track record of mobilizing to advocate for conservation and have been willing to accept almost any form of management, including temporary fishery closures in which the objective is to promote the health of the nation's fishery resources. The establishment of permanent no-fishing zones, absent a scientific basis, runs counter to this ethic and would be a direct affront to our fellow anglers. We trust that you will protect the interests of the recreational angling in any potential designations.

Sincerely,



Ron Kind
Member of Congress



Paul Ryan
Member of Congress

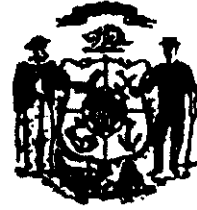
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Please call Rob Cooper (Ryan) at 225-3031 with any questions.

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In Reply Refer To:
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JAN 09 2009

The Honorable Ron Kind
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Kind:

Thank you for your letter of December 12, 2008, urging President Bush to avoid any actions that would permanently close recreational fishing in marine protected areas or marine reserve designations that are being contemplated for the Pacific Ocean. We have been requested to respond directly to your letter.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) manages the 96 million acre National Wildlife Refuge System, which includes a number of protected areas in the Pacific Ocean and other marine environments. Each year, the 548 units of the National Wildlife Refuge System receive over 36 million visitors who participate in hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, environmental education and interpretation, and other outdoor recreation activities. As such, the Service considers recreational anglers to be one of our oldest and closest partners in fulfilling our agency's conservation mission to "conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people."

The National Wildlife Refuge Administration Act of 1966 (NWRAA), as amended, guides our administration of recreation uses on refuges. Under the NWRAA, a use (including recreational activities) must be determined to be compatible with the establishment purpose(s) of the refuge and the overall mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System before it can be allowed. Recreational fish and hunting are two of six priority wildlife-dependent recreational uses under the NWRAA, and thus receive enhanced consideration in planning and management decisions. Compatible fishing and hunting programs are managed on refuges to ensure high quality and safe recreational opportunities, consistent with sound fisheries and wildlife management. In administering these activities, the Service also works in close cooperation with States and other jurisdictions, and promotes a broad range of partnerships that provide valuable support from key stakeholders and constituencies.

The Service supports allowing any of the six priority recreational uses, including recreational fishing, on refuges within newly designated marine conservation or protection areas, if determined to be compatible. Administration of the National Wildlife Refuge System under the NWRAA provides the Service with the flexibility needed to protect natural and cultural resources while allowing compatible wildlife-dependent recreational uses, such as fishing. As



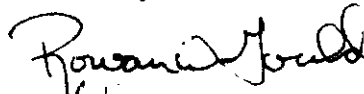
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such, the Service fully supports the President's Executive Order 13474 with regard to recreational fishing on National Wildlife Refuges and all other federally managed areas.

Thank you for your interest in the National Wildlife Refuge System and other marine protected areas. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 208-4545.

Sincerely,


Acting
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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC.

Jan 20, 2009
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July 26, 2010

The Honorable Ken Salazar
Secretary
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar,

We are writing concerning companion pieces of legislation S. 1241, sponsored by Senators Inhofe, Tester, Crapo, and Risch, and H.R. 2031, sponsored by Congressmen Boren, Miller, Ryan, Ross, Putnam, Chaffetz, Courtney, and Young. These bills attempt to lessen the burdens on small filming crews on public lands by amending Public Law 106-206 to simply allow small crews to pay a reasonable annual fee to be able to film on public lands. These bills are strongly supported by the Professional Outdoor Media Association and thirty-three sportsmen's and conservation organizations.

Last Congress, Congressmen Boren and Young led the work on this legislation introducing H.R. 5502 which received a hearing in the House Natural Resources Committee. On April 28, 2010, the Senate Subcommittee on Public Land and Forests of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee held a hearing on S. 1241.

At the April 28th hearing, the Department of the Interior testified that it could not support S. 1241 and identified issues such as the need for federal land management agencies to be able to manage commercial filming and know the locations and duration of filming projects, manage disruption to other visitors of federal lands, ensure areas are not overused, evaluate the appropriateness of filming in certain areas, and further testified that commercial filming crews may take advantage of the new special permit authorized in S. 1241 and H.R. 2031. Finally, the Department testified that it may have limited staff available to monitor all the filming which may occur and that \$200 may not be sufficient reimbursement for the appropriate staff time involved and administrative costs. However, the Department testified that it wished to work to address these concerns.

We can all agree that our nation's public lands are a valuable natural resource, and the professional outdoor media industry is a valuable way to bring awareness to our nation's resources through documentaries, sporting programs, and other productions. Public Law 106-206 requires the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture to establish a permit and reasonable fee to commercially film on federal lands, and it allows the Departments to recover costs associated with filming projects.






S. 1241 and H.R. 2031 do not change the purpose of Public Law 106-206. Instead, these bills attempt to address the inconsistent implementation of Public Law 106-206 on federal lands for small filming crews which has been recognized by many small filming producers from around the country.


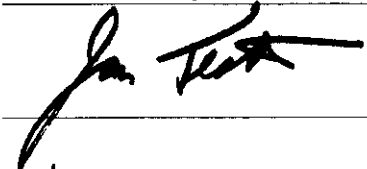
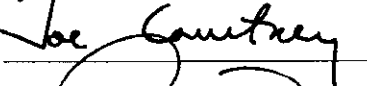
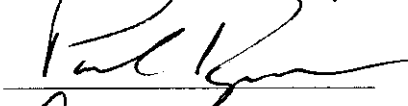
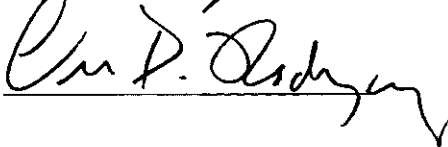
The intent of S. 1241 and H.R. 2031 is not to remove the Department's supervision of filming on federal lands permits. We believe Public Law 106-206 was intended to primarily provide the Department a way to permit major filming operations and the footprint they would make on federal lands. We are simply interested in finding a way, statutorily or administratively, to allow small filming crews to access federal lands through a more standardized manner for a reasonable fee without being charged by the day and allow the Department to continue its responsibility of maintaining our federal lands.

With the Forest Service's new interim guidance concerning filming in wilderness areas and its work to issue permanent rules by the end of next year, this seems like an appropriate opportunity to also review the Forest Service's commercial filming rules on all lands subject to Public Law 106-206 to ensure consistency, access, and reasonable costs for small filming crews.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and appreciate your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Denise Ralston
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United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, DC 20240

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The Honorable Paul Ryan
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Ryan:

Thank you for your letter dated July 26, 2010, regarding S. 1241 and H.R. 2031, bills that would amend Public Law 106-206 to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to require annual permits and assess annual fees for commercial filming activities on Federal lands for film crews of five persons or fewer. I appreciate your interest in commercial filming on these lands.

On April 28, 2010, the Department of the Interior (Department) testified that, while sympathetic with the goals of S. 1241, we cannot support S. 1241. At that same hearing, the U.S. Forest Service testified that it also could not support S. 1241.

In our testimony, we noted that although the annual permit envisioned in S. 1241 may simplify the permitting process for commercial filming by small crews, it would limit the ability of Federal land management agencies to manage commercial filming activities to protect natural and cultural resources, to minimize disruption to visitors, to ensure public health and safety, and to provide commercial film crews use of an area without competition from other permitted activities where appropriate.

The Department shares your interest in ensuring consistency in the issuance of permits for commercial filming on public lands, including lands managed by the National Park Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Bureau of Reclamation. We are sensitive to the needs of small businesses, and continue to work administratively to streamline the process for issuing permits, while protecting our important natural, historic, and cultural resources.

A similar letter is being sent to each cosigner of the letter.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Strickland
Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 19, 2010

Ken Salazar
Secretary
United States Department of Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar:

On behalf of the Wisconsin residents we represent, we are writing in support of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource's request to remove the gray wolf from the endangered species list in Wisconsin. We concur with DNR Secretary Matt Frank that the gray wolf no longer faces the threat of extinction in Wisconsin.

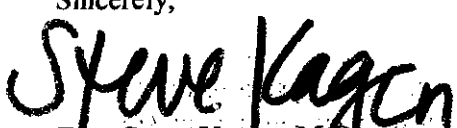
As the gray wolf has grown in numbers, there have been greater incidents of wolf attacks on livestock and other animals. This is a growing problem for farmers and residents throughout Wisconsin. While we applaud your department's efforts to compensate landowners, we do not believe that this is a sustainable policy. A decision to keep the gray wolf on the endangered species list will lead to more incidents and further expenses for the government and landowners.

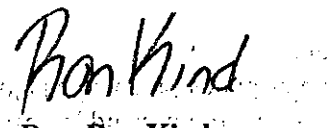
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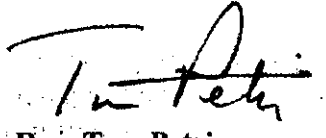
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cc: Wisconsin DNR Secretary Matt Frank

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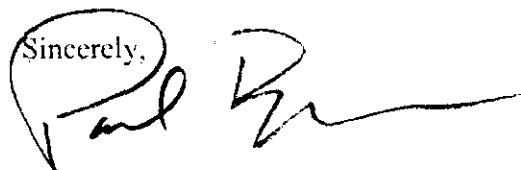
Dear Secretary Salazar:

I am writing to express my support for the Greenfield Historical Society's (Wisconsin) grant application for grant funds through the Save America's Treasures - National Park Service Grant Program.

I have reviewed the grant narrative that the Greenfield Historical Society has put together, and I am confident that they would make effective use of the funds they would receive.

It is my understanding that any grant funds that are secured would allow them to assist the Village of Greendale in converting and restoring the original Police and Fire Station, as well as the Grounds Building and Hose Tower. Greendale has a rich and unique history dating back to 1933. Under President Franklin Roosevelt's Resettlement Administration, Greendale was a "planned" community and served as one our nation's first experiments in garden city planning. Given Greendale's historical heritage, efforts to protect and preserve some of the original structures from that era are especially meaningful.

I support the Greendale Historical Society's grant application and I would respectfully request that it is given your prompt and full consideration, consistent with all laws and regulations. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,


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The Honorable Paul Ryan
House of Representatives
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Dear Mr. Ryan:

Thank you for your letter of June 28, 2009, to Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, supporting the application of the Greenfield Historical Society for a Federal Save America's Treasures grant. I have been asked to reply.

As you know, the National Park Service administers these grants in collaboration with the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute for Museum and Library Services. The application deadline for the 2009 Save America's Treasures grants was May 22, 2009. Grants will be announced in the fall. A national selection panel, which is comprised of senior staff with expertise in the appropriate disciplines and representing noncompeting Federal agencies, evaluates applications and makes recommendations for funding to the Secretary of the Interior. By law, the Secretary must consult with the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations prior to the commitment of grant funds.

Thank you for your interest in the Save America's Treasures grants program.

Sincerely,

Janet Snyder Matthews, Ph.D.
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May 14, 2009

Secretary Ken Salazar
U.S. Department of Interior
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Dear Secretary Salazar:

I am writing to express my support for the nomination of the original Greendale Village as a National Historic Landmark, which was recently submitted by the Greendale Historical Society.

I understand that the original Greendale Village (completed in 1938 by the federal government) is being nominated as a National Historic Landmark, as a result of Greendale being unique and nationally significant as a Greenbelt community. Greendale was one of three communities in the nation that served as a planned garden community under President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal Program in the wake of the Great Depression.

As the federal elected official representing the Greendale community, I can personally attest that the original Village offers a glimpse of the 1930s. The Greendale Historical Society reports that Greendale was consciously designed by renowned landscape architects, architects, and city planners as a Midwestern town in both its physical character and social organization. In addition, the historic Village of Greendale was built on the "garden city" model, in which housing was situated within easy walking access of gardens, employment and a town center. The original downtown area included the Village Hall, several businesses, and 366 homes, which were uniquely designed and positioned close to the street with the living room at the back of the house to allow residents a better view of their picturesque yards. Although Greendale is listed in both the National Register of Historic Places and the State Register of Historic Places, I am excited about the distinguished national recognition that would be bestowed upon the original Village if the nomination is approved.

I would appreciate if you and the appropriate officials would carefully review the nomination submitted by the Greendale Historical Society and give it your full consideration for designation as a National Historic Landmark. Again, thank you for your careful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Paul Ryan
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Dear Mr. Ryan:

Thank you for your recent letter supporting National Historic Landmark (NHL) designation for the Village of Greendale in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. The potential designation of the Village of Greendale as a National Historic Landmark is currently under review by the National Park Service. For this reason, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar has asked me to respond to your letter and assure you that we will give the potential NHL designation of Greendale careful consideration.

Of the three New Deal communities that were constructed under the Federal Resettlement Administration's suburban resettlement program, only Greenbelt Maryland, has been designated an NHL. We are interested in determining if the remaining two, including Greendale, also merit such designation. The Village of Greendale was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on July 29, 2005, at the national level of significance. The documentation for this nomination was sponsored by the Greendale Historical Society, and the nomination was made by the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) for Wisconsin. Our review to date has been based on the existing National Register documentation. A separate NHL nomination will need to be prepared if the historic district is found to merit designation as a National Historic Landmark.

The staff of the Midwest Regional Office and the National Historic Landmarks Program in Washington, D.C., anticipate making a field inspection in coming months to determine if the Greendale Historic District possesses the high level of historic integrity required of National Historic Landmarks. Following the field inspection, we will be notifying the State Historic Preservation Office and the Greendale Historical Society of our findings. If it is confirmed that the property has high integrity, we will also let the applicant know what additional information will be needed to complete the NHL documentation for the property.

We appreciate your support for the preservation of our nation's heritage and assure you that we will give the potential NHL designation of Greendale our utmost consideration. We look forward to working further with the Greendale Historical Society and the State Historic Preservation Office to complete our review and, hopefully, proceed with the designation process.

Sincerely,

Janet Snyder Matthews, PhD.
Associate Director, Cultural Resources

cc: Wisconsin/SHPO

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 26, 2010

The Honorable Ken Salazar
Secretary
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
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Dear Secretary Salazar,

We are writing concerning companion pieces of legislation S. 1241, sponsored by Senators Inhofe, Tester, Crapo, and Risch, and H.R. 2031, sponsored by Congressmen Boren, Miller, Ryan, Ross, Putnam, Chaffetz, Courtney, and Young. These bills attempt to lessen the burdens on small filming crews on public lands by amending Public Law 106-206 to simply allow small crews to pay a reasonable annual fee to be able to film on public lands. These bills are strongly supported by the Professional Outdoor Media Association and thirty-three sportsmen's and conservation organizations.

Last Congress, Congressmen Boren and Young led the work on this legislation introducing H.R. 5502 which received a hearing in the House Natural Resources Committee. On April 28, 2010, the Senate Subcommittee on Public Land and Forests of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee held a hearing on S. 1241.

At the April 28th hearing, the Department of the Interior testified that it could not support S. 1241 and identified issues such as the need for federal land management agencies to be able to manage commercial filming and know the locations and duration of filming projects, manage disruption to other visitors of federal lands, ensure areas are not overused, evaluate the appropriateness of filming in certain areas, and further testified that commercial filming crews may take advantage of the new special permit authorized in S. 1241 and H.R. 2031. Finally, the Department testified that it may have limited staff available to monitor all the filming which may occur and that \$200 may not be sufficient reimbursement for the appropriate staff time involved and administrative costs. However, the Department testified that it wished to work to address these concerns.

We can all agree that our nation's public lands are a valuable natural resource, and the professional outdoor media industry is a valuable way to bring awareness to our nation's resources through documentaries, sporting programs, and other productions. Public Law 106-206 requires the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture to establish a permit and reasonable fee to commercially film on federal lands, and it allows the Departments to recover costs associated with filming projects.

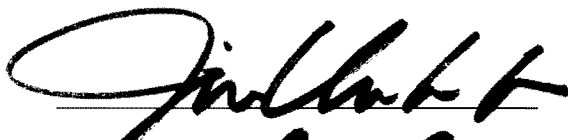
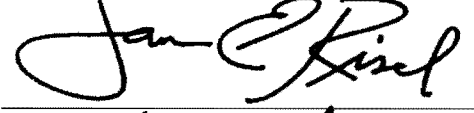



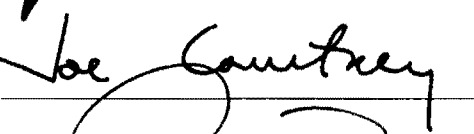



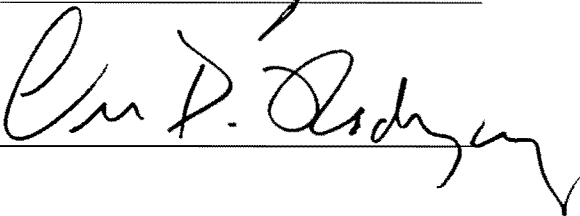
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The intent of S. 1241 and H.R. 2031 is not to remove the Department's supervision of filming on federal lands permits. We believe Public Law 106-206 was intended to primarily provide the Department a way to permit major filming operations and the footprint they would make on federal lands. We are simply interested in finding a way, statutorily or administratively, to allow small filming crews to access federal lands through a more standardized manner for a reasonable fee without being charged by the day and allow the Department to continue its responsibility of maintaining our federal lands.

With the Forest Service's new interim guidance concerning filming in wilderness areas and its work to issue permanent rules by the end of next year, this seems like an appropriate opportunity to also review the Forest Service's commercial filming rules on all lands subject to Public Law 106-206 to ensure consistency, access, and reasonable costs for small filming crews.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and appreciate your prompt response.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Paul Ryan
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Ryan:

Thank you for your letter dated July 26, 2010, regarding S. 1241 and H.R. 2031, bills that would amend Public Law 106-206 to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to require annual permits and assess annual fees for commercial filming activities on Federal lands for film crews of five persons or fewer. I appreciate your interest in commercial filming on these lands.

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The Department shares your interest in ensuring consistency in the issuance of permits for commercial filming on public lands, including lands managed by the National Park Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Bureau of Reclamation. We are sensitive to the needs of small businesses, and continue to work administratively to streamline the process for issuing permits, while protecting our important natural, historic, and cultural resources.

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Sincerely,

Thomas L. Strickland
Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 19, 2010

Ken Salazar
Secretary
United States Department of Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar:

On behalf of the Wisconsin residents we represent, we are writing in support of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource's request to remove the gray wolf from the endangered species list in Wisconsin. We concur with DNR Secretary Matt Frank that the gray wolf no longer faces the threat of extinction in Wisconsin.


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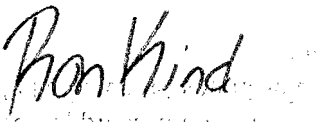
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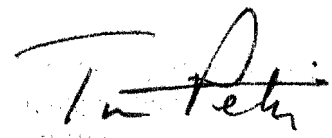
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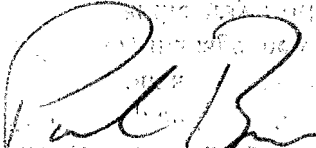
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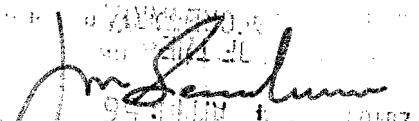
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November 3, 2009

The Honorable Ken Salazar
Secretary
U.S. Department of Interior
1849 C St., NW
Washington, D.C. 20240


Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to share with you the attached letter and petition from the constituents I serve urging the approval of the Menomonie Tribe application to the U.S. Department of Interior place the Dairyland Greyhound Park land into trust.

My position on this issue remains neutral but I believe it is important to facilitate my constituents' communication with you because this application falls under your jurisdiction as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior. To give you some background, the surrounding community has expressed its support for this casino project through two local referendums which both passed. The Menomonie Tribe's land in trust application was reviewed under the previous Administration by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs and the U.S. Department of Interior Office of the Secretary and was rejected last year.

I look forward to sharing your response with my constituents. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Paul Ryan
Member of Congress

cc: Dennis Kelly, Dairyland Greyhound Park

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October 29, 2009
Congressman Paul Ryan
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Dear Congressman Ryan,

The employees of Dairyland Greyhound Park their families' friends and supporters are asking you to help us convince Secretary of the Interior Salazar to sign the Menominee application to put the property at Dairyland Greyhound Park into trust. Senior management has told us that they will be making a decision by November 16, 2009 on whether or not they will be applying for racing dates for 2010. Essentially deciding whether or not our jobs will be terminated and the building closed. The state of Wisconsin and your congressional district do not need another company going out of business and putting 250 employees, contracted employees and kennel operators on unemployment.

We need your support and leadership in Washington to convince your fellow Republicans to support this project. More importantly we need you to reach across the aisle and meet with your fellow Democratic lawmakers in congress and members of the Obama administration such as Secretary Salazar. Then bring back a privately funded billion-dollar project that will create 3000 casino jobs and 1000 construction jobs to your district. These jobs will pay mortgages, taxes, support other business, churches and charities.

GM is closing in your hometown. Chrysler is closing in Kenosha and now Dairyland. Do the right thing and support us. Become a member of a growing group of lawmakers in southeastern Wisconsin such as Mayor Keith Bosman, County Executive James Kreuser, State Senator Robert Wirsch, and Representative Peter Barca in supporting us and the Menominee in bring jobs and a casino to Kenosha.

Respectfully yours,

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The Honorable Paul Ryan
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Ryan:

Thank you for your letter to Secretary Ken Salazar, dated November 3, 2009, in which you transmitted a letter of support from your constituents for the approval of the Menomonee Tribe's application to the Department of the interior to place the Dairyland Greyhound Park land into trust. We apologize for the delay in responding to your letter.

The application by the Menominee Tribe was denied by Secretary Kempthorne on January 7, 2009. No reconsideration or decision will be made pending the resolution of the litigation resulting from a lawsuit filed by the Tribe against the Secretary.

Thank you for your interest in this matter and please continue to keep me informed of your views.

Sincerely,

Larry Echo Hawk
Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs