

House Committee on Natural Resources  
Subcommittee on Federal Lands  
1324 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Chairman Tiffany and Ranking Member Neguse,

I understand the House Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee on Federal Lands will hold a hearing on H.R. 1318, the Women's Suffrage National Monument Location Act, on Thursday, July 13. Thank you for your leadership in bringing up this important legislation for consideration.

I am Dr. Ashley Robertson Preston, an Assistant Professor of History at Howard University and supporter of the monument. As someone who specializes in Black women's history, I feel that this is one of the most significant efforts of the century. We have an opportunity to teach future generations about courageous women who have been largely overlooked in the American narrative. These women deserve to be on the National Mall alongside other history makers to assure that they are never forgotten again.

Thank you again for your consideration of this historic project. I hope you will support H.R. 1318. Your leadership in placing the Women's Suffrage National Monument on the National Mall--the most visited National Park in the United States-- will expand our Nation's understanding of American women's leadership in the founding and shaping of our Republic and make certain that women's contributions to American democracy continue to inspire for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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