



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

June 15, 2023

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 have spent nearly thirty years leading museums in the United States, and the lack of representation of women artists and women's stories has been a constant challenge. Increasing the visibility of women's history – specifically women's fight for the vote and the pioneers of the early American movement for women's equality - is crucial if we are going to change this narrative for generations to come. Great women in American history deserve to be shown on the National Mall alongside the great men, for both helped to shape who we are as a nation as well as our shared destiny to form a more perfect Union.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nik Apostolides".

NIK APOSTOLIDES
LECTURER, JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY