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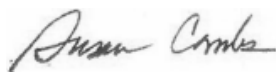
Dear Chairman Tiffany and Ranking Member Neguse,

I understand the House Committee on Natural Resources' Subcommittee on Natural 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 prioritizing this important legislation for consideration.

Most recently, I served as the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget of the Department of the Interior. It was an honor to serve the American people and to be a leader in support of the Department of the Interior's essential mission to protect and manage the Nation's natural resources and cultural heritage. On behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, while Assistant Secretary I also served as the Chair of the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission throughout the centennial of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment in 2020. In that role, I became increasingly aware of the stark disparities in the stories that we as a Nation uplift. History is full of pioneering women, but that's not reflected in Washington or around the country. Of the 423 National Parks managed by the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service, only 10 commemorate some aspect of American women's history. That's 2.3%. We can and must do better. But only Congress has the authority to decide which monuments are placed within the National Mall, and only Congress can give this foundational American history the prominent place it has so long been denied. The 'Women's Suffrage National Monument Location Act' will uphold the integrity of the National Mall by finally including women's stories in the beating heart of the Nation's Capital.

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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