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July 22, 2024

Congressman Tom Tiffany
451 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Tiffany,

I am writing on behalf of the Development Association to express our strong support for redesignating the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore to a National Park. This initiative promises significant economic, environmental, and recreational benefits for both Bayfield and Ashland counties, as well as for the broader state of Wisconsin. The Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, established in 1970, is a treasured natural asset that attracted 255,000 visitors in 2022. These visitors spent an estimated \$45.2 million within 60 miles of the Apostle Islands, benefiting the local gateway communities. This spending supported 623 jobs, generated \$17.5 million in labor income, and resulted in a total economic output of \$56.7 million.

The experience of the Indiana Dunes, which transitioned from a National Lakeshore to a National Park in 2019, provides a compelling case for the benefits of such a redesignation. After becoming a National Park, Indiana Dunes saw an immediate increase in visitation from 1.75 million to 2.13 million in just one year. By 2022, visitation exceeded 2.8 million, with visitor spending reaching \$141 million, supporting 1,685 jobs, and generating over \$208 million in economic output. Using Indiana Dunes as a model, the Apostle Islands could potentially attract over 396,000 visitors, generate over \$106 million in visitor spending, and support 1,312 jobs within a decade.

The conversion of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore to a National Park would undoubtedly become a critical component of our region's economic infrastructure, boosting tourism and fostering economic growth.

Given the potential for substantial economic and recreational benefits, we strongly urge you to support the redesignation of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore to a National Park. This change would not only enhance the natural heritage of Wisconsin but also provide lasting economic advantages for our communities. Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your support in this important initiative.

Sincerely,

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June 28, 2024

To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to express our support for the proposal to elevate the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore to the status of Apostle Islands National Park.

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I wholeheartedly support this initiative and urge all stakeholders and decision-makers to consider the vast benefits it will bring. Together, let us work towards the creation of the Apostle Islands National Park and secure a bright future for this extraordinary landscape.

Sincerely,

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Diane R Nelson, Clerk

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Fred Stoll, Chairman

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Myron Olson, Supervisor

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Kevin Mackie, Supervisor



July 2, 2024

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Tom Renz
Barnes Town Chairman

TOWN OF MORSE

Jeff Ehrhardt, Chairman
Theresa Koosmann, Clerk/Treasurer

Ashland County
Mellen, WI 54546

Ken Koosmann, Supervisor
Jamie Peters, Supervisor

June 28, 2024

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I enthusiastically support for this initiative and urge all stakeholders and decision-makers to consider the vast benefits it will bring. Please do whatever is necessary to ensure the creation of the Apostle Islands National Park and secure a bright future for this extraordinary landscape.

Thanks for consideration of this request.

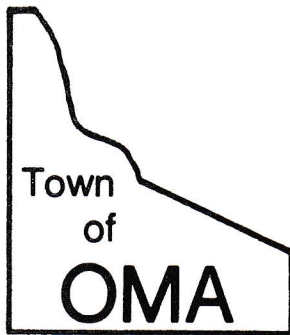
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July 8, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

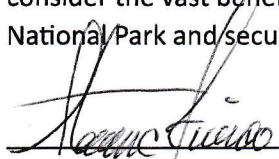
The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Oma, Iron County, Wisconsin, are expressing our support for the proposal to elevate the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore to the status of Apostle Islands National Park.

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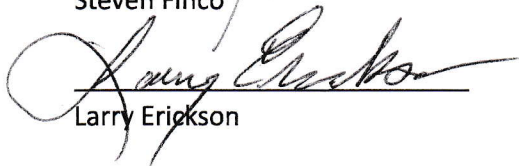
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July 8, 2024

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Sincerely,

Gary Abraham
Village President

June 21, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Bayfield County Economic Development Corporation, I am writing to express our support for the proposal to elevate the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore to the status of Apostle Islands National Park.

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The Bayfield County Economic Development Corporation supports this initiative and urge all stakeholders and decision-makers to consider the vast benefits it will bring. Together, let us work towards the creation of the Apostle Islands National Park and secure a bright future for this extraordinary landscape.

Sincerely,



Cole Rabska
Executive Director
Bayfield County Economic Development Corporation



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June 18, 2024

The Honorable Tom Tiffany,
U.S. House of Representatives
2620 Stewart Avenue, Suite 12
Wausau, WI 54401

**Re: Letter of Support to Introduce Legislation to Re-Designate the Apostle Island
National Lakeshore to a National Park**

Dear Representative Tiffany,

The tourism industry in Wisconsin is a vital part of the state's overall economy with last year's total financial impact reaching a record total of \$23.7 billion while supporting approximately 174,000 jobs and sustaining 1 in 21 jobs in the state. This strong economic influence will continue and be enhanced by the re-designation of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore into Wisconsin's first National Park.

Evidence shows that the creation of a national park will help to increase area visits and spending in the communities near the park. It will spur area economic growth and contribute to expanded job opportunities in the region. With the advent of a national park the area will see a significant influx of state and federal funding for enhanced conservation, educational programs, and community development efforts. It will also positively impact the area's silent sports as well as recreational hunting and fishing.

The Burnett County Development Association, a non-profit county-wide development organization that promotes and supports economic opportunities for the residents and communities in the county supports the legislative efforts in making the Apostle Islands National Park a reality.

Sincerely,

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Dick Hartmann,
Burnett County Economic Development Director

June 18, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Hayward Area Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express our support for the proposal to elevate the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore to the status of Apostle Islands National Park.

The Apostle Islands are a treasured natural resource, not only for the residents of our region but also for the countless visitors who come from far and wide to experience their pristine beauty, rich biodiversity, and unique cultural heritage. Transforming the Apostle Islands into a national park will provide numerous benefits that align with the values and goals of our community.

First and foremost, national park status will enhance the protection and preservation of these precious islands. It will ensure that the natural landscapes, wildlife habitats, and cultural sites are safeguarded for future generations to enjoy. This higher level of protection is important for maintaining the ecological integrity and beauty of the Apostle Islands, which are invaluable to our region's environmental health and sustainability.

Additionally, the designation of the Apostle Islands as a national park can have a very positive impact to our local economy. National parks are known to attract increased tourism, bringing more visitors to the area who contribute to local businesses, including hotels, restaurants, shops, and recreational services. This influx of tourists will create new job opportunities, stimulate economic growth, and support the livelihoods of many residents in the Hayward area and beyond.

Additionally, national park status will raise the profile of the Apostle Islands on a national and international level, drawing attention to the unique attractions and recreational opportunities they offer. From kayaking and sailing to hiking and wildlife watching, the Apostle Islands provide a diverse range of activities that cater to outdoor enthusiasts and nature lovers of all kinds.

The Hayward Area Chamber of Commerce believes that the designation of the Apostle Islands National Park will be a transformative step forward for our region. It will enhance our community's quality of life, promote sustainable tourism, and ensure the long-term conservation of one of our nation's most remarkable natural treasures.

We wholeheartedly support this initiative and urge all stakeholders and decision-makers to consider the vast benefits it will bring. Together, let us work towards the creation of the Apostle Islands National Park and secure a bright future for this extraordinary landscape.

Sincerely,



Chris Ruckdaschel
Executive Director
Hayward Area Chamber of Commerce



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July 12, 2024

Congressman Tom Tiffany
451 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for Apostle Islands National Lakeshore

Congressman Tiffany and members of the committee,

Northern Wisconsin is well-known for its natural beauty, vast forests, lakes, and rivers. The uniqueness of the nearby Apostle Islands attracts visitors from throughout the Midwest and nearby communities such as Hayward benefit from related tourism. Visitor spending helps pay for critical infrastructure and benefits our small businesses.

The City of Hayward, located a short drive from Bayfield and the Apostle Islands, is well positioned to benefit from increased visitors expended should the Lakeshore be elevated to a National Park. We welcome the opportunity to host more visitors, create more businesses, and showcase our beautiful community.

Redesignation to a National Park will expand the reach of our tourism and marketing efforts and make Hayward not only a premier regional destination but also attract visitors from across the nation.

I ask the committee to support Congressman Tiffany's effort to elevate the Apostle Islands to become Wisconsin's first National Park. It is worthy of such a designation.

Sincerely,

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Gary Gillis
Mayor, City of Hayward Wisconsin



Iron County Development Zone Council

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June 18, 2024

Jim Miller
Outreach Director
Office of Congressman Tom Tiffany
2620 Stewart Ave Suite 312
Wausau, WI 54401

Dear Mr. Miller:

The Iron County Development Zone Council has supported Congressman Tiffany's bill to redesignate the Apostle Island National Lakeshore to Apostle Islands National Park. By creating Wisconsin's first and only National Park, Iron County feels the economic impact would be significant.

Not only would this boost tourism in the park area, but there would be more visitations and expanded job opportunities across northern Wisconsin including Iron County. This northern region is home to a wide variety of trail systems, cultural and culinary resources for visitors to enjoy. Besides the islands, there are also other geological resources for visitors such as thousands of inland lakes and waterfalls which Iron County can boast about many in the region.

Please relay to Congressman Tiffany Iron County's support for the National Park designation. If you need anything else or have questions let me know.

Sincerely,

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Kelly Klein
Coordinator
Iron County Development Zone Council



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July 16th, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter as confirmation of Norvado's support to elevate the Apostle Island National Lakeshore to the status of Apostle Islands National Park.

Chequamegon Communications Cooperative d/b/a Norvado is a fiber-based local telecommunications provider headquartered in Cable, WI providing voice, internet, and video services to residential and commercial customers in Bayfield, Douglas, Ashland, Sawyer, and Price Counties. Our investment in our fiber network has enabled residents and businesses in our area to thrive. Visitors and part-time homeowners in our serving area are staying longer, more residents are working from home, students have the connection they need for virtual learning, and businesses have connectivity that rivals what is available in metropolitan areas.

Designating the Apostle Islands as a National Park represents an outstanding opportunity to increase the vitality and prosperity of the communities we serve as well as benefit our cooperative and our members. A significant portion of our local economy is supported by tourism and natural resources, such as the Apostle Islands, are the primary reason visitors chose to spend their precious time in our area. Designating the Apostle Islands as a National Park creates an additional incentive for tourism and the additional jobs likely to arise from the National Park status would stimulate the growth of our local economy. Norvado's investment in fiber infrastructure would also demonstrate to visitors how viable a longer stay in the Northwoods can be with a high-speed internet connection that can be utilized for personal or work needs.

Norvado wholeheartedly supports this initiative and encourages the stakeholders and decision-makers to consider the demonstrable impact that elevating the Apostle Islands to a National Park would bring to this incredible natural resource and the surrounding communities.

Should you have any comments or questions I may address or wish to discuss Norvado's support of this initiative, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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Chad T. Young
CEO/General Manager
Norvado
Office: (715)798-7155



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And the Tribal Nations of
**BAD RIVER, LAC COURTE ORIELLES, LAC DU
FLAMBEAU, RED CLIFF, & ST. CROIX**

July 11, 2024

Congressman Tiffany
451 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Tiffany:

On behalf of Northwest Regional Planning Commission, I am writing to support the concept of renaming the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore to the ***Apostle Islands National Park***.

The Apostle Islands National Lakeshore designation has provided a significant economic benefit to the communities along the Bayfield Peninsula and Chequamegon Bay area. The National Lakeshore attracts travelers who shop locally, stay in local hotels and inns, and dine at restaurants and bistros. Designation as a National Park will elevate the status of the area and would impact a greater geographic area of influence who will see an overall economic impact. We encourage continued conversations with local units of government and Tribal Nations located along the Bayfield Peninsula and Chequamegon Bay area to discuss the impacts to a designation of the area to a National Park status.

We are excited about the prospect of a National Park designation in our region and the first in Wisconsin!

Sincerely,

Sheldon Johnson
Executive Director



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June 28, 2024

Representative Tom Tiffany
United States House of Representatives
1238 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Tiffany,

I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for the Apostle Islands National Park Act, which proposes the redesignation of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore to a National Park. This significant change would make the Apostle Islands the home to Wisconsin's only National Park, a distinction that would bring substantial benefits to our region.

The Apostle Islands National Lakeshore is already a cherished destination known for its breathtaking natural beauty, unique ecosystems, and rich cultural history. Elevating its status to a National Park will undoubtedly enhance its profile on a national and international level, attracting more visitors and boosting regional tourism. This influx of tourists will have a ripple effect, stimulating local businesses, creating jobs, and fostering economic growth throughout the area.

Moreover, the designation as a National Park will bring additional resources and support for the management and preservation of this precious natural asset. Increased funding and national recognition will ensure that the Apostle Islands can be maintained and protected for future generations, allowing more people to experience its pristine beauty and learn about its environmental and historical significance.

The anticipated boost in tourism and resources will also have a positive impact on our workforce. Local businesses will have the opportunity to expand, leading to job creation and a more robust local economy. The increased attention and investment in the area will enhance our community's quality of life and provide more opportunities for residents to thrive.

In conclusion, redesignating the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore as a National Park is a visionary step that will bring lasting benefits to our region. The Board supports the Apostle Islands National Park Act to help secure a brighter future for our community, our environment, and our economy.

Thank you for your work on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Mari Kay-Nabozny
Chief Executive Officer

CHANZ GREEN
STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 74TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

June 25, 2024

To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to express my support for the proposal to elevate the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore to the status of Apostle Islands National Park.

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Sincerely,



State Representative Chanz Green

Wisconsin's 74th Assembly District



June 26, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for the proposal to elevate the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore to the status of Apostle Islands National Park.

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Congressman Tiffany
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Tiffany:

On behalf of Sawyer County/LCO Economic Development Corporation, I am writing to support the concept of renaming the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore to the Apostle Islands National Park.

Sawyer County lies in the heart of Wisconsin's great northwoods. For decades, individuals and families have been vacationing in this natural wonderland. With crystal clear lakes for water sports and fishing, Wisconsin's Moving National Park: the Namekagon River, and miles of trails for riding snowmobiles, ATVs, cross country skiing, hiking, and road or off-road bicycling, this area is buzzing with activity year-round! The Sawyer County/LCO EDC would love to help support the Apostle Islands National Park to help show what Northern Wisconsin has to offer. Our lodging, entertainment, dining and events are world class.

National parks attract increased tourism, bringing more visitors to the area who contribute to local businesses, including hotels, restaurants, shops, and recreational services. This additional traffic will strengthen our economy and help current and new businesses.

The Sawyer County/LCO EDC fully supports the efforts of stakeholders to make the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore to the Apostle Islands National Park. We believe this effort will help secure a better economy and help keep our region growing. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Adam Lamoureux
Executive Director
ed@sclcoedc.com



Romaine Robert Quinn

STATE SENATOR • 25TH SENATE DISTRICT

June 26, 2024

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Romaine Robert Quinn
State Senator
Wisconsin's 25th Senate District

recognized symbols of natural and cultural heritage, drawing attention to their ecological importance and fostering a sense of stewardship among visitors and residents alike. This heightened awareness would encourage conservation efforts and promote sustainable practices that are crucial for preserving the islands' fragile ecosystems and protecting endangered species.

Economically, the designation of the Apostle Islands as a national park would create new job opportunities in tourism and conservation, stimulating economic growth and diversifying the local economy. It would also enhance the region's reputation as a premier destination for outdoor recreation, attracting investment in infrastructure improvements and visitor amenities.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge you to consider the immense benefits of designating the Apostle Islands as a national park. By safeguarding their natural and cultural treasures, promoting tourism and economic development, and raising awareness about their ecological significance, this designation would ensure that future generations can continue to experience and cherish the splendor of the Apostle Islands.

Thank you for your attention and consideration to this matter. I strongly support the efforts to designate the Apostle Islands as a national park and trust that this decision will have a positive and lasting impact on both the local community and the nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Taylor L. Pedersen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Taylor L. Pedersen
President/CEO
Superior-Douglas County Area Chamber of Commerce

THE
CHAMBER
SUPERIOR-DOUGLAS COUNTY AREA

June 30, 2024

The Honorable Tom Tiffany
United States House of Representatives
451 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Subject: Letter of Support – Apostle Island National Park Designation

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Superior-Douglas County Area Chamber of Commerce, its Board of Directors, and nearly 400 members, this letter is being sent in strong support for the designation of the Apostle Islands in Wisconsin as a national park. Having personally experienced the beauty and significance of this remarkable area, I believe that granting national park status to the Apostle Islands would bring numerous benefits to both the region and the nation as a whole.

The Apostle Islands, situated on Lake Superior's pristine waters, comprise 22 islands characterized by their stunning natural landscapes, sea caves, historic lighthouses, and diverse wildlife. Designating the Apostle Islands as a national park would elevate their status as a protected area, ensuring the preservation of their unique geological formations, cultural heritage, and fragile ecosystems for future generations to enjoy and study.

One of the primary benefits of national park status would be the boost to tourism in the region. Visitors from across the country and around the world are drawn to national parks for their natural beauty and recreational opportunities. The Apostle Islands offer a wide range of activities such as hiking, kayaking, camping, and wildlife watching, attracting outdoor enthusiasts and nature lovers year-round. Increased visitation would not only benefit local businesses, including hotels, restaurants, and tour operators, but also generate revenue for the surrounding communities and contribute to the local economy.

Moreover, becoming a national park would significantly raise awareness about the Apostle Islands on a national and international scale. National parks are widely

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June 28, 2024

Congressman Tom Tiffany (WI-07)

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express our support for the proposal to elevate the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore to the status of Apostle Islands National Park.

The Apostle Islands are a treasured natural resource, not only for the residents of our region but also for the countless visitors who come to experience their pristine beauty, rich biodiversity, and unique cultural heritage. Transforming the Apostle Islands into a national park will provide numerous benefits that align with the values and goals of our community.

The designation of the Apostle Islands as a national park can have a positive impact on our local economy. National parks are known to attract increased tourism, bringing more visitors to the area who contribute to local businesses, including hotels, restaurants, shops, and recreational services. For example, a study by the National Park Service found that in 2022, national parks generated over \$42.5 billion in economic output and supported 340,500 jobs nationwide.

Specifically, communities within 60 miles of a national park saw an average increase in tourism spending by 14%, with related job growth of 11%. This influx of tourists will create new job opportunities, stimulate economic growth, and support the livelihoods of many residents in the Bayfield area and beyond. National Park status will also raise the profile of the Apostle Islands on a national and international level, drawing attention to the unique attractions and recreational opportunities they offer.

The Town of Bass Lake wholeheartedly supports this initiative and urges all stakeholders and decision-makers to consider the vast benefits it will bring. Together, let us work towards the creation of the Apostle Islands National Park and secure a bright future for this extraordinary landscape.

Sincerely,



Tammy Brown, Clerk on behalf of Justin Hall, Chairman
Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County

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July 10, 2024

Office of Congressman Tom Tiffany
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Dear Congressman Tiffany:

The Town of Namakagon would like to show our support for Tom Tiffany's proposed bill to redesignate the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore to a National Park.

The Town Board looks forward to the enhanced economic growth and expanded job opportunities that should be seen from this bill. Protecting our landscapes is of vital importance to our area. The Town of Namakagon sets protecting our lake frontage as a priority as this is a huge attraction for our area. By doing this, and educating people on the matter, we hope to preserve the area from ecological damage. We are thankful for the collaboration of efforts that is being pursued with the passing of this bill.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this bill for our area.

Sincerely,

Town Board of the Town of Namakagon

Robert Rasmussen, Town Chairman
James Krueger, Town Supervisor
Jack McGregor, Town Supervisor