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National Park Service
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Washington, DC 20240

Dear Ms. Ashwell,

I am writing in regards to the Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument and am seeking information pertaining to the maintenance and modernization needs of its exhibits. The Monument plays an important role in preserving a defining chapter of our nation's story, and it is essential that its exhibits reflect the significance of that legacy in a professional, engaging, and well-maintained manner.

For example, concerns have been raised regarding the materials displayed above a desk belonging to Elizabeth Cady Stanton, where a handwritten note currently functions as a plaque. I find this presentation inconsistent with the significance of the site and the standards visitors expect at a national monument.

Accordingly, we are interested in an audit or formal review of the site by an NPS curator or appropriate staff to assess the current condition of exhibits and identify areas for enhancement or repair. Additionally, we are seeking an estimate as to the cost associated with such improvements, and whether those costs are able to be covered by the NPS National Mall and Memorial Parks (NAMA) budgetary fund or other applicable funds.

The Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument offers a unique opportunity to educate visitors about the promise of equality in the United States, and it should be equipped to do so at the highest standard.

Thank you for your ongoing work to support the capital's monuments and for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,



Valerie P. Foushee
MEMBER OF CONGRESS