

United States Senate

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The Honorable P. Daniel Smith
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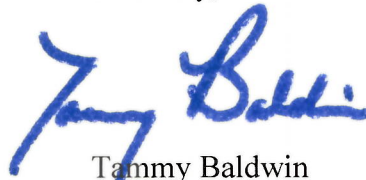
Dear Mr. Smith:

I write to express concern about damage sustained to multiple historic buildings and docks in the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore during a strong storm in October 2017. Given the Apostle Islands' unique value as a public resource in Wisconsin and the willingness of the community to contribute to their restoration, I ask that the National Park Service collaborate with citizen groups to expediently restore damaged facilities.

Private partners are interested in contributing to repair efforts, and I encourage you to utilize the full array of both public and private resources to repair the facilities. A lack of fully functioning facilities on the islands will reduce the public's ability to take advantage of this spectacular area, which as a National Lakeshore, belongs to all Americans.

As a longtime champion of national parks, public lands and funding that supports these areas, I strongly urge the National Park Service to provide the necessary resources to remedy the damage to the facilities under its jurisdiction as soon as possible, including by leveraging private resources and submitting budget requests to Congress that would address these costs.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator