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House of Representatives
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April 25, 1997

Kent Armstrong
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Dear Kent:

Thank you for your response. I am enclosing a copy of the first draft legislation that will be introduced in Pennsylvania. We will be making an addition to this legislation whereby people who owe money could add additional monies to their payment and designate it to go to Gettysburg.

I am also enclosing a copy of information received from the National Park Service regarding wording of the legislation and also a copy of the legislation that will be introduced to Congress by Representative Duncan.

Any help you can give in regards to other states helping to fund the restoration and preservation of their monuments at Gettysburg would be most appreciated. The state of Maryland restored their monuments at Gettysburg about two years ago. I have been in contact with them and hope to meet with them in the near future. They have a commission that handles monuments in and out of the state that deal with Maryland.

Hopefully we can make a difference, especially in people's attitudes regarding historical sites. Please stay in touch and let me know how you make out with other contacts. We have also written to our governor and asked his help in getting support from other states through their governor's.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harry A. Readshaw".

Harry A. Readshaw
Member
36th Legislative District

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Enclosure



AN ACT

1 Providing for a voluntary contribution system to aid in the
2 preservation of the Pennsylvania State Memorial and other
3 sites at the Gettysburg National Military Park.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Voluntary contribution system.

7 (a) Designation.--The Department of Revenue shall provide a
8 space on the face of the Pennsylvania individual income tax
9 return form whereby an individual may voluntarily designate a
10 contribution of any amount desired for the preservation of the
11 Pennsylvania State Memorial at Gettysburg National Military
12 Park, all monuments to Pennsylvania regiments on the Gettysburg
13 battlefield and the preservation of the battlefield positions
14 those units defended in 1863.

15 (b) Deduction from refund.--The amount so designated by an
16 individual on the income tax return form shall be deducted from
17 the tax refund to which such individual is entitled and shall
18 not constitute a charge against the income tax revenues due the



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK
GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17325

EISENHOWER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17325

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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April 14, 1997

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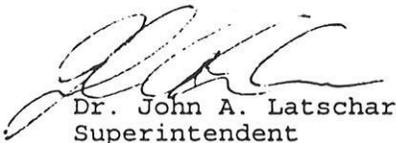
Dear Representative Readshaw:

Thank you for your support for more funding for Gettysburg National Military Park. The Public Affairs Specialist, Katie Lawhon, mentioned that you wanted information about the possible ramifications of special Pennsylvania state funding for Gettysburg battlefield preservation.

I know of no problems whatsoever with Gettysburg National Military Park accepting grants of state funding for battlefield preservation. We can accept state grants. You may wish to use language such as: "for the preservation of the Pennsylvania State Memorial at Gettysburg National Military Park, and all monuments to Pennsylvania regiments on the Gettysburg battlefield, and for the preservation of the battlefield positions those units defended in 1863." This leaves the door open for restoration and maintenance of many, many monuments, plus the associated cannon, sidewalks, wayside exhibits, fences, stone walls, etc.

Attached is some information about a federal bill called the National Parks Checkoff Act which you might find interesting. Feel free to call Ms. Lawhon at (717) 334-1124 x 436, if you have any questions or need more information.

Sincerely,



Dr. John A. Latschar
Superintendent

Enclosure

cc:
Representative Stephen Maitland, 146 Chambersburg Street, Gettysburg,
Pennsylvania 17325

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105th CONGRESS
1st Session

H. R. 755

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals to designate any portion of their income tax overpayments, and to make other contributions, for the benefit of units of the National Park System.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 13, 1997

Mr. Duncan (for himself, Mr. Hayworth, Mr. Hefley, Ms. Rivers, Mr. Romero-Barcelo, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Calvert, Mr. Nethercutt, Mr. Bartlett of Maryland, Mr. Baker, Mr. Wamp, Ms. Norton, Mr. Spratt, Ms. Molinari, Mr. Payne, Mr. LaTourette, Ms. Lofgren, Mr. Regula, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Gallegly, Mr. Lipinski, Mr. Dan Schaefer of Colorado, Mr. Holden, Mr. Stearns, Mr. Faleomavaega, Mr. Ehlers, Mrs. Smith of Washington, Mr. Frelinghuysen, Mr. Gejdenson, Mr. Bereuter, and Mr. Jenkins) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals to designate any portion of their income tax overpayments, and to make other contributions, for the benefit of units of the National Park System.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF OVERPAYMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF UNITS OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM.

(a) In General.--Subchapter A of chapter 61 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new part:

``PART IX--DESIGNATION OF OVERPAYMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE
BENEFIT OF UNITS OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

``Sec. 6097. Designation.

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``(a) In General.--In the case of an individual, with respect to each taxpayer's return for the taxable year of the tax imposed by chapter 1, such taxpayer may designate that--

- ``(1) a specified portion (but not less than \$1) of any overpayment of tax for such taxable year, and
- ``(2) any cash contribution which the taxpayer includes with such return,

shall be used for the benefit of units of the National Park System.

``(b) Manner and Time of Designation.--A designation under subsection (a) may be made with respect to any taxable year only at the time of filing the return of the tax imposed by chapter 1 for such taxable year. Such designation shall be made in such manner as the Secretary prescribes by regulations except that such designation shall be made either on the first page of the return or on the page bearing the taxpayer's signature.

``(c) Overpayments Treated as Refunded.--For purposes of this title, any portion of an overpayment of tax designated under subsection (a) shall be treated as being refunded to the taxpayer as of the last date prescribed for filing the return of tax imposed by chapter 1 (determined without regard to extensions) or, if later, the date the return is filed."

(b) Clerical Amendment.--The table of parts for subchapter A of chapter 61 of such Code is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new item:

``Part IX. Designation of overpayments
and contributions for the
benefit of units of the
National Park System."

(c) Effective Date.--The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1997.

SEC. 2. NATIONAL PARKS TRUST FUND.

(a) In General.--Subchapter A of chapter 98 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to trust fund code) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

``SEC. 9512. NATIONAL PARKS TRUST FUND.

``(a) Creation of Trust Fund.--There is established in the Treasury of the United States a trust fund to be known as the 'National Parks Trust Fund', consisting of such amounts as may be appropriated or

credited to the National Parks Trust Fund as provided in this section or section 9602(b).

“(b) Transfer to National Parks Trust Fund of Amounts Designated.--There is hereby appropriated to the National Parks Trust Fund amounts equivalent to the amounts designated under section 6097 and received in the Treasury.

“(c) Expenditures From Trust Fund.--

“(1) In general.--The Secretary shall pay, not less often than quarterly, to the Director of the National Park Service from the National Parks Trust Fund an amount equal to the amount in such Fund as of the time of such payment less any administrative expenses of the Secretary which may be paid under paragraph (2). Amounts paid under this subsection shall be used only for operations, maintenance, and construction within the units of the National Park System and may not be used for land acquisition.

“(2) Administrative expenses.--Amounts in the National Parks Trust Fund shall be available to pay the administrative expenses of the Department of the Treasury directly allocable to--

“(A) modifying the individual income tax return forms to carry out section 6097,

“(B) carrying out this chapter with respect to such Fund, and

“(C) processing amounts received under section 6097 and transferring such amounts to such Fund.”

(b) Clerical Amendment.--The table of sections for such subchapter A is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“Sec. 9512. National Parks Trust Fund.”
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May 16, 1997

Legislation for a Board or Department under the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for the preservation of Pennsylvania Military Monuments at Gettysburg.

1. Establish a department or board for the preservation of Pennsylvania Military Monuments at Gettysburg, under the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs.

2. Purpose : To identify, restore and publicize Pennsylvania Civil War Military Monuments at Gettysburg.

3. Goal: to preserve our war monuments at Gettysburg;

4. Membership of Board or Department and Procedures:

The Adjutant General, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs shall be the Chairperson and shall appoint the following members to the board/department:

. The Board/Department shall consist of up to 18 members appointed as follows:

Chairperson - Adjutant General, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Member of the National Park Service at Gettysburg

2 members of PA Tourism Council

**The Pennsylvania Association of Convention and Visitors Bureau
Department of Community and Economic Development, Office of Travel and Tourism**

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

2 members from the House of Representatives Tourism Committee (1 from the Majority party and 1 from the Minority party)

2 members from the Senate Community and Economic Development Committee (1 from the Majority party and 1 from the Minority party)

2 members from each of the following organizations, it is highly desired that one member from each of these Veteran organizations shall be from a minority:

Pennsylvania American Legion

Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars

Pennsylvania Disabled American Veterans

5. Adjutant General may appoint subcommittees to carry out the work of the Department/Board.

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6. The Adjutant General may remove any member of the Department/Board or a subcommittee for any cause adversely affecting the member's ability or willingness to perform his or her duties.

7. In the event of a vacancy on the Department/Board, the Adjutant General shall appoint a successor.

8. In the event of a vacancy on a subcommittee, the Adjutant General shall appoint a successor for the remainder of the life of the subcommittee.

9. A majority of the Department/Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any Department/Board business. In any subcommittee, a majority shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any subcommittee business. The Department/Board and the subcommittees may adopt such other procedures necessary to ensure the orderly transaction of business.

10. The members of the Department/Board and the subcommittees may not receive compensation for their services.

Scope of the Department/Board:

1. The Department/Board shall undertake an inventory of Pennsylvania military monuments at Gettysburg, which shall include the following information:

- (a) Name, date of construction, location and means of access, and the original sponsorship of each monument;
- (b) Complete description of each monument including construction materials, condition, theme, and inscriptions, if any; and
- (c) Responsibility for maintenance.

2. The Department/Board shall make a determination as to the cost of restoration of each monument and the ground area around the monument, which is in need of repairs.

3. The Department/Board shall procure sufficient funds for the restoration of the monuments and the ground area around the monuments.

4. The Department/Board shall determine which of the monuments is in need of care immediately and shall compile a list of monuments needing repair, restoration in order of need. This shall be done by on-site review by a Department/Board member; rating (acceptable; not acceptable; immediate work needed); prioritization of ratings for work to be done.

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5. The Department/Board shall work closely with the National Park Service at Gettysburg in all areas of carrying out their duties.
6. The Department/Board shall prepare education and tourism materials for public distribution. The Department/Board will work with the Department of Transportation, The Department of Community and Economic Development, Office of Travel and Tourism, to achieve integration of the information on Pennsylvania's military monuments at Gettysburg in their publications.
7. A major component of the Department/Board shall be to conduct fund raising. This will be done by:
 - (a) Making the program visible (media, brochures, annual report);
 - (b) Public relations (outreach to clubs and organizations, public speaking committee);
 - (c) Media relations (success stories published, stories of monuments in disrepair, stories behind the monuments.
 - (d) Contributions can be made by individuals, groups, organizations, businesses, corporations, etc. directly to the Department/Board
 - (i) A separate account shall be established by the Department/Board for receiving and disbursing of these funds.
8. The Department/Board shall also set up an Adopt a Monument Program where by any veterans, fraternal, patriotic, civic, service, or youth organization may apply to adopt a monument. There shall be requirements established by the Department/Board
9. The Department/Board shall annually prepare a report for presentation to the Tourism Committee at a scheduled meeting and to the General Assembly.

We need to have a \$250,000 appropriation for the start up of the Department/Board.