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Director Jonathan Jarvis
National Park Service
1849 C St., NW
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Dear Director Jarvis:

I am writing to request a 60-day extension of the public comment period on the draft Director's Order #100. As you know, this proposed directive has far-reaching implications for park management. As such, it is inappropriate for the Park Service to provide the taxpaying public, who stand to be most affected by these changes, with only 30 days to review and comment. That is particularly true when that 30 days coincided with the height of the electoral season, where the public's attention was rightly focused on the choices they faced in the voting booth at the national, state and local level.

I also write in strong support of the comments filed by Todd Roessler on behalf of Fight for Cape Lookout – a coalition of small business owners, fishermen and citizens concerned about public access at Cape Lookout National Seashore. I have attached a copy of those comments for your review. Mr. Roessler spells out how the draft directive is inconsistent with the laws passed by Congress that govern park management, as well as the Park Service's own policies. Furthermore, the directive is likely to be used to impose significant restrictions on taxpaying Americans' access to the national parks they pay for and enjoy. That is unacceptable, particularly when done by administrative fiat. I urge you to give these comments every consideration, and I join Mr. Roessler in calling for the directive to be rescinded.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Walter B. Jones
Member of Congress