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February 28, 2013

The Honorable Jonathan B. Jarvis  
Director  
National Park Service  
United States Department of Interior  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Director Jarvis:

I am writing to ask that you expedite any decision-making processes necessary in the extension of the Cooperative Agreement between the Bi-State Development Agency ("Bi-State") and the National Park Service ("NPS") for activities at the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in St. Louis.

As you may know, Bi-State and the NPS have been engaged in a mutually beneficial partnership for more than 50 years. Bi-State and NPS began this partnership by initiating a Cooperative Agreement in 1962 for financing the construction and operation of the Gateway Arch passenger transportation system. That Agreement was extended most recently in 1986 for the financing of the construction and operation of the Gateway Arch Parking Facility. The agreement was set to expire on January 1, 2013, but was extended for 6 months to allow both parties to reach consensus on a long term extension of the Cooperative Agreement.

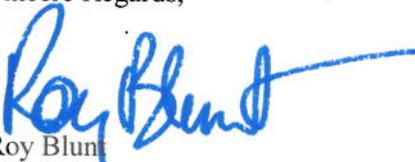
On April 24, 2012 I sent a letter to the Department of Interior Solicitor Hillary Tompkins expressing the need for a timely resolution of matters that had come to an impasse over an extension of the agreement. I understand that the matters on which I wrote to Solicitor Tompkins had been resolved through appropriate negotiation last September. Yet we are two months into the six month extension period and there has been no response from the NPS to a proposal that Bi-State sent on January 11, 2013.

In an effort to avoid significant disruptions at the Arch, I ask for your direct involvement to reach a timely decision on the Cooperative Agreement. Bi-State President and Chief Executive Officer John Nations plans to travel to Washington in early March and I would hope you can meet with him to work out an acceptable schedule for all to conclude this negotiation.

It is important that services at the Memorial not be interrupted and that appropriate long-term capital investment continue to be made at the Memorial. That can only be accomplished through a swift decision made on the Cooperative Agreement to give certainty to all parties involved.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Sincere Regards,



Roy Blunt  
United States Senator

cc: The Honorable Claire McCaskill  
The Honorable Ken Salazar  
The Honorable Hillary Thompkins  
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