

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Doug Burgum
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Burgum,

We write to you regarding the upcoming 150th anniversary of the Battle of Little Bighorn. From June 25th to 27th, the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument will commemorate the historic event with special programs and activities honoring the sacrifices made on June 25 and June 26, 1876, when Lakota, Cheyenne and Arapaho warriors fought the U.S. Army's 7th Cavalry under the command of Lieutenant Colonel George Custer with support of scouts from the Crow Nation.

As one of the most significant battles in Montana's history, the 150th anniversary is expected to draw thousands of visitors as well as substantial press. Given the anticipated attendance and heightened visibility, it is imperative that adequate law enforcement resources are in place to ensure public safety and the smooth execution of these commemorative events. In addition to sufficient law enforcement presence, increased funding for the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument will be critical to successfully hosting the 150th anniversary events.

Alongside these efforts is the timely completion of the Visitor Center Construction Project. Supported by Tribal Affiliates, Friends of Little Bighorn Battlefield, local communities, and stakeholders, the new visitor center will significantly enhance the visitor experience and provide a comprehensive venue to honor the site's history. The facility will feature exhibits to present a thorough historical account of the battle, including events leading to the conflict, its aftermath and the enduring impacts on communities and the west today.

We respectfully urge the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior to ensure the completion of the visitor center and to provide the additional funding and security necessary to support the 150th anniversary remembrance events for the Battle of Little Bighorn.

Sincerely,



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