

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Jessica Bowron  
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Dear Acting Director Bowron:

We write regarding reports that the National Park Service (NPS) will be participating in, facilitating, or allowing the removal of the two-way protected bike lane on NPS land from the Tidal Basin to Constitution Avenue. That removal cannot proceed.

NPS must immediately reverse course and stop the removal of the bike lane. Failing to do so would indicate that NPS is either refusing to responsibly administer its D.C. lands, or that it is unable to protect those lands against interference from other federal agencies. In either case, NPS *must* act to protect transportation access to our nation's capital, recreation access ahead of the National Cherry Blossom Festival, and safety for all road users.

The bike lanes are part of a broader safe cycling corridor along 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Those lanes are an essential travel route for commuters from Virginia, D.C., Maryland, and visitors across the country, who rely on them to access jobs, NPS sites along the National Mall, and the Capitol complex. Allowing or actively working to remove these lanes will reverse a decade of improved bike access to those sites and intentionally cut off public access to their elected representatives and public lands.

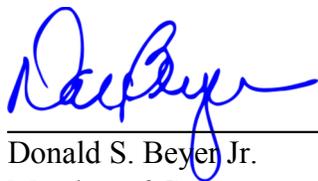
Many of those commuters and visitors would continue to need access to this corridor. By removing the bike lanes, NPS would also force remaining bicyclists to share walkway space with pedestrians or roads with cars, creating danger for pedestrians, bikers, and cars alike. The D.C. Department of Transportation has found that the bike lane corridor reduced bike crashes by 69%, crashes causing injuries by 52%, and *all* crashes by 46%.<sup>1</sup> Deliberately making the roadway more dangerous is unacceptable.

According to posted signage, construction on the Ohio Drive portion could begin as early as today. It is imperative that NPS *immediately* take action to responsibly steward its own lands and stop the removal of this essential transportation corridor.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> [Post-Implementation Analysis | DDOT](#)



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