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Professor James R. Donoghue, Director
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Dear Professor Donoghue:

I am preparing legislation for introduction in the coming session of Congress which would create a national park or recreation area in the Apostle Islands region of northern Wisconsin. Such a park would preserve the magnificent land and water wilderness resources of this area and provide recreational opportunities for millions of people in the midwestern states.

It is my hope that if this park is created, the tourists coming to visit it will provide a foundation for the economic and social rehabilitation of the region, which for years has suffered from chronic economic depression. In addition to sponsoring the legislation in Congress, I am anxious to provide leadership, assistance and advice to the people there so that they may take full advantage of this opportunity.

I would appreciate receiving any suggestions and information in your particular field of interest on what communities and private groups should do to plan and develop the recreation and accommodation resources and facilities of the area which would assist me in this. Would you be able to suggest the names of other experts in community planning and recreational development who also might be helpful to me in this respect?

Sincerely yours,

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U. S. Senator

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