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IN REPLY REFER TO:

January 11, 2019

Kenyattah A. Robinson
President & CEO
Mount Vernon Triangle Community Improvement District
457 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Robinson:

On behalf of the National Park Service (NPS), I would like to thank the Mount Vernon Triangle Community Improvement District (CID) for your support in keeping our NPS sites clean and orderly over the past 21 days during the lapse in appropriations. Our NPS employees take tremendous pride in maintaining these national treasures. You and your staff clearly share that same commitment, and we are very grateful for that assistance.

As you may know, the NPS has received authorization from the acting Secretary of the Interior to utilize fee revenues, collected by parks under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA), to provide key services including resource protection and basic services such as trash collection, urgent roadwork and sanitation services for the public accessing our park sites. We have received approval to use FLREA funds to provide these services at NPS sites within the District of Columbia.

Because of the National Park Service's commitment to the Washington, DC area parks in our care and our desire to meet our legislatively established mission in those parks, we believe that it is essential that NPS resume responsibility for these services as soon as possible. Consequently, starting today, NPS employees will begin trash and litter collection in the National Park Service sites located within the Mount Vernon Triangle Community Improvement District.

Again, I want to express our deep gratitude for the support that the CID has provided to NPS sites in Washington, DC, and we look forward to continued collaborative efforts to support our incredible resources city-wide.

If you have any questions or would like to talk further about this change, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-619-7020.

Sincerely,

Lisa Mendelson
Regional Director, Acting
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