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Dear Congressman McClintock:

Thank you for introducing the Yosemite National Park Equal Access and Fairness Act. We agree that all park visitors should be allowed to enjoy Hetch Hetchy's natural beauty as they do the rest of Yosemite National Park. We are pleased that this legislation has been referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

The legislative language, as currently crafted, includes a number of provisions aimed at improving access and fairness. We suggest that language could be modified to clarify that the following policies should be implemented to improve access and expand recreational opportunities at Hetch Hetchy:

- The Hetch Hetchy gate entrance should be open 24 hours a day under normal circumstances, as are Yosemite's other 4 gate entrances;
- Trails should be expanded, at a minimum, to allow day hikers to access the view of the Hetch Hetchy canyon from its north wall; and
- The campground at Hetch Hetchy should be improved and should be available to all visitors.

Further, we support increased fees for San Francisco, at a minimum to pay for all park costs associated with improving access and recreation at Hetch Hetchy. These increases must be in addition to what the city pays for watershed protection and security.

Finally, we recommend that language be included which ensures that the natural resources of the Hetch Hetchy area be protected as they are in all our national parks.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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