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Superintendent Brian O'Neill  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Fort Mason, Building 201  
San Francisco, CA 94123

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Dear Superintendent O'Neil:

For many years the issue of pet management at the Golden Gate National Recreation Area has been of concern to my constituents and the city of San Francisco.

In a petition to you dated August 16, 2005, a broad coalition of groups proposed a reasonable approach to pet management at the GGNRA. The proposal included enforcement of the leash laws. I urge you to follow the request made by that coalition which included Action for Animals, Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth, the United Pier Anglers of California, and the Center for Biological Diversity.

According to a poll included in the materials sent you with the petition, over 70% of Bay Area residents are in favor of leash law enforcement at the park making it apparent that GGNRA's voice control measures have not been effective in resolving pet management issues at the park. Leash law enforcement is likely to greatly improve visitor experiences and is consistent with the public's wishes.

Leash law enforcement will ensure that dogs have reasonable access to the GGNRA without jeopardizing the safety of other dogs, wildlife, or park visitors. This is particularly true during the proposed negotiated rulemaking process. Until that process is completed and a long-term solution is identified, leash laws should be enforced so that the park's sensitive wildlife is protected and the park remains accessible to all.

I urge you to enforce the National Park System's leash law at the GGNRA.

Sincerely,

Aaron Peskin

Cc: Director Fran P. Mainella, National Park Service

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