

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Tammy Stidham
Chairman, National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission
National Park Services
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Chair Stidham:

In each of the last five national elections, more women have voted than men.¹ Considering women secured the right to vote just over 100 years ago, this progress and the story of how it was won is worth honoring. That is why I led my bipartisan colleagues in introducing the Women's Suffrage National Monument Location Act, to ensure that this aspect of women's history has its rightful place on our National Mall.

The National Mall honors some of the most important features of our shared American story. With the central placement of these monuments and memorials, we tell the world what we value most – including the sacrifice of our servicemembers and our nation's leadership in democracy. Conspicuously absent from this portrayal of our shared history, however, is women's history. Women's suffrage was only made possible through a decades-long fight led by women of all backgrounds, who joined together with the steadfast belief that our country must live up to its highest democratic ideals. Without the story of how women fought to secure their rightful participation in our democracy, our National Mall is incomplete.

Women are indispensable – in our communities, in Congress, and on the National Mall. As the first female Senator to represent the State of Wisconsin, which was the first state to ratify the 19th Amendment, I am proud to work with my colleagues to secure a central place in our capital honoring the women who led our fight for the ballot. Now is the time for these giants in American history receive recognition on our National Mall.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator

¹ U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, November 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, and 2022; Voting and Registration Tables.