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Hello,

I have lived in San Francisco for 14+ years. For 10 of those years I have been a dog owner. Since I live in the Outer Sunset near Ocean Beach, barely a day goes by without my husband, my 3 year old daughter, my dog and I heading to the beach for a walk. We've spent countless hours frolicking on the bluffs and beach at Ft. Funston, as well.

For months now, I have been extremely concerned about the GGNRA's proposal to use our federal taxpayer dollars to keep people from recreating in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Currently the GGNRA is pushing forward with three separate plans that seek to limit access to areas like Fort Funston, Ocean Beach, Rancho Corral de Tierra and the Marin Headlands. Two of those plans could be signed off on as soon as this week—the General Management Plan, which would establish zones where the GGNRA could actually prohibit people from doing things like picnicking at most of Ocean Beach; and a rule that would create restrictive and expensive permits for professional dog walkers who people count on to make sure their pets receive appropriate exercise.

This is incredibly obtuse. We live in one of the most densely populated urban areas in America. San Francisco is the second most densely populated city in America after New York City. And the people of the San Francisco Bay Area fought hard to establish and protect the GGNRA that was founded to provide

recreational opportunities to the people of this region. Now the National Park Service, which was entrusted to protect public access, is trying to eliminate those recreational opportunities one by one.

What's even worse is that most people in the Bay Area have no idea what's being planned because there has been very little effort by the GGNRA to reach out to the public and gather input. That's why I'm begging that the National Park Service absolutely should not sign off on these plans right now. We need a real meaningful public process that involves the people who are actually going to be affected by these ridiculous restrictions. And we want a process that really takes our input into account. The entire community should have the opportunity to participate in this important discussion. After all, these are beaches and trails where people have been welcomed for 40+ years. There is NO CREDIBLE REASON to start denying access now.

Unlike some staff members at the GGNRA, I and my family and my friends and my fellow neighborhood dog owners do not believe people and nature are incompatible. We believe we can balance both so that we can protect recreational opportunities and be responsible stewards of our environment like we have been doing in the GGNRA for decades.

Please do not let the GGNRA ride roughshod over those of us who take great pride and pleasure in Ft. Funston, Ocean Beach, Rancho Corral de Tierra and the Marin Headlands.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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