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Subject: Concerned Dog Owner & San Francisco Tax Payer
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Hello Chris and Karen,

I am a San Francisco resident and tax payer. I am reaching out to you, as I understand that you may have a decision in front of you to make in regard to the interim dog walking permit rule and the GGNRA general management plan. I was informed that the Golden Gate National Recreation Area is moving quickly to block dog walking and all forms of recreation in the GGNRA. I am adamantly opposed to this, as I am a dog owner and employ a woman who walks my dog every day. I encourage you to slow down the drive to limit dog walking and NOT sign off on the interim dog walking permit or any new plans that could restrict our enjoyment of GGNRA lands. I strongly oppose the GGNRA's proposed commercial dog-walking rule. It is a violation of the GGNRA's own process for creating new dog rules and will harm many dog owners, small business owners and city parks in the San Francisco Bay Area.

I believe that the GGNRA should follow its own planning process before beginning to restrict dogs. Professional dog walking rules are included in the GGNRA's dog management proposal that is still going through an official review process. The GGNRA should accept the dog walking permits that San Francisco and Marin already require dog walkers to obtain. Another permit with steep permit and training fees could put many professional dog walkers, who are small business owners, out of business. The proposed permit is too restrictive. It will force many dogs into city parks and overwhelm the parks. Any professional dog-walking permit for the GGNRA should be aligned with and not more restrictive than the existing dog walking permits in San Francisco and Marin. The interim rule will hurt many working people who own dogs and depend on dog walkers to exercise them during the day while they're at work. If these dogs are cooped up in houses and apartments all day long with no exercise, it will harm the dogs' physical and mental wellbeing and could potentially create more behavioral problems among dogs.

Please consider all of this, as your decision will severely impact the people, dogs, and parks in the surrounding communities.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jordan Klineman