

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 26, 2007

Mr. Bruce Schaefer
Comptroller
National Park Service
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MS-2711-MIB
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Schaefer;

Under H. J. Res. 20, the Continuing Resolution for FY 2007, Congress provided lump sums of funding to the various governmental departments and agencies to be spent at their discretion. Although Congress has chosen to cede its power to specifically direct funds to individual projects in FY2007, the Kansas Congressional Delegation would hope to work with the National Park Service in regard to maintaining one of our State's most important historical treasures: the memory and legacy of Brown v. Board of Education.

Specifically, this correspondence is regarding PL 102-525, the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site Act. This law authorizes the use of Cooperative Agreements with public and private entities to enhance the mission and purpose of the National Park Service. For the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in Topeka, KS, the private entity who serves as the NPS' principal partner is the Brown Foundation for Educational Equity Excellence and Research.

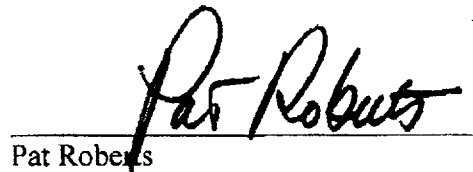
In order for this integral part of the Brown Site to remain a key partner, we are requesting that the Brown Foundation be allowed access to funding under the FY 2007 CR at the level received in FY 2006. The importance of partnerships cannot be over stated and has been clearly outlined in the National Park Service Strategic Plan. The Brown Foundation has always been an integral part of the Brown Site, and we request that NPS work to provide them with adequate resources for FY2007.

Your immediate attention to our concern is appreciated. Should you have questions regarding our request, please direct them to Landon Fulmer in the Office of Senator Sam Brownback who can be reached at 202.224.0448 or by email at landon_fulmer@brownback.senate.gov. Thank you for your attention.

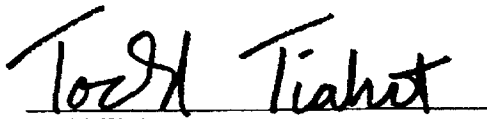
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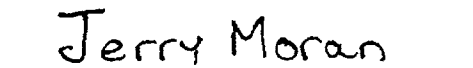
Sam Brownback
United States Senator



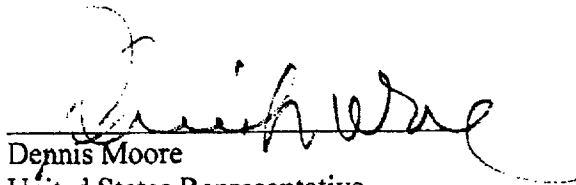
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Dennis Moore
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The Honorable Sam Brownback
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Brownback:

Thank you for your letter concerning funding for the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site (NHS) and the Brown Foundation for Educational Equity Excellence and Research.

The President signed into law Public Law 110-5 which provided full-year funding in FY 2007 for the Department of Interior as well as other Federal agencies. As you know, Congress did not enact regular appropriations for the Department of the Interior for FY 2007. Rather, Joint Resolution, P.L. 110-5 was enacted. Section 112 of P.L. 110-5 provides that report language accompanying appropriations acts for FY 2006 have no legal effect and Section 113 of the Act directs that agencies prepare FY 2007 operating plans for submission to the Appropriations Committees within 30 days. The operating plan level for individual appropriations was specified in P.L. 110-5.

Brown v. Board of Education NHS is scheduled to receive base operating funds of \$1.279 million in FY 2007, representing 10 year budget growth of 151 percent. This places the park among the top five percent of all park units in terms of growth rate over the last ten years. Funding for the Brown Foundation has not been requested in the President's budgets for FY 2005 through FY 2008, but has been earmarked by the Congress each year as statutory aid within the National Recreation and Preservation appropriation.

On March 17, 2007, the National Park Service transmitted its FY 2007 operating plan to the Appropriation Committees. Given the uncertainty of funding for FY 2007 and the inability of the park and Foundation to plan accordingly, a total of \$123,000 was included in the operating plan for the Brown Foundation.

Your continued interest in National Park Service programs is appreciated.

Sincerely,

for David P. Harrington
C. Bruce Sheaffer
Comptroller