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August 13, 2015

The Honorable Sally Jewell  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C St. NW  
Washington, DC 20240

The Honorable Denise Roth  
Acting Administrator  
General Services Administration  
1800 F St. NW  
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Secretary Jewell and Acting Administrator Roth:

Like you, we strongly believe the federal government has a responsibility to ensure that public lands are welcoming places—especially in our nation’s capital. In light of the deeply insulting comments that Donald Trump continues to direct at the Latino Community and at women, we write to request that you take action to prevent the Trump name from being prominently displayed at the hotel he is currently constructing at the center of Washington, DC.

Trump’s recent and repeated remarks disparaging women, Mexican-Americans, and other Latinos are hateful, divisive and completely inaccurate. We firmly believe this kind of repulsive speech has no place in our public discourse. As a result of these comments, the Trump name is now inextricably linked to the anti-immigrant, anti-Latino and anti-women sentiments that he continues to loudly and publically espouse.

As you know, Trump is currently constructing a hotel at the site of the Old Post Office building, located just steps from the National Mall and less than a mile from the Washington Monument, the United States Capitol and the White House. Once completed, the complex will sit on land leased from GSA while the historic building’s clock tower will continue to be managed by the National Park Service.

We understand that the Department of the Interior rightly prohibits the display of racist or insensitive emblems on lands it controls. In accordance with this policy and in keeping with the Department’s recent efforts to bar the Washington Redskins’ logo on public lands, we urge you to use all available authorities under current law to prevent the Trump name from being prominently displayed at the new hotel.

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Thank you for your attention to this request. The Trump name and logo have come to serve as a divisive reminder of Donald Trump's reprehensible words. To allow his name to be conspicuously displayed at the heart of our nation's capital would send a message of exclusion and intolerance to millions of Latinos in the District and across the country, including workers at the site itself.

Sincerely,



Ruben Gallego  
Member of Congress



Tony Cardenas  
Member of Congress



## United States Department of the Interior

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The Honorable Ruben Gallego  
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Gallego:

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As you know, the property was leased to the developer by the General Services Administration (GSA) in 2013. The terms and provisions of the lease governing its redevelopment are administered by the GSA.

The Department of the Interior has some limited review of the project related to the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program, which is administered by the National Park Service (NPS), and to which the developer has applied. Pursuant to the program, the NPS has no review over temporary construction signage, and review of any permanent signage is limited to its design, size, number, location, and appearance solely as it relates to any impacts of the signage on the historic character and features of the property.

Thank you for your letter and sharing your concerns about the project. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Brian Goeken at 202-354-2033 or [Brian\\_Goeken@nps.gov](mailto:Brian_Goeken@nps.gov). An identical letter has been sent to Representative Tony Cárdenas.

Sincerely,

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July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Ms. Sally Jewell  
Secretary  
Department of the Interior  
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Dear Ms. Jewell:

I understand it is the policy of the Department of the Interior to not permit the use or display of racist or insensitive logos on Federal land. In accordance with this policy and in recognition of your efforts to prevent the Redskins logo from being used or displayed at RFK Stadium, I ask for an immediate removal of the Trump logo from the scaffolding located just outside the Old Post Office building.

After Mr. Trump's hateful and insensitive remarks about the Latino communities that are integral to the District's success and diversity, the Trump logo perpetuates support for a man who proves he is undeserving. The logo is a painful reminder to all citizens of the District of Mr. Trump's comments and should not be on Federal land.

While the nation continues to struggle with the elimination of long-standing symbols of injustice, including the Confederate Flag, we, as the District of Columbia, must utilize our power to free ourselves of anything that doesn't belong here - including Mr. Trump's ignorance and ultimately, his business.

Sincerely,

Paul Straus  
United States Senator  
District of Columbia (Shadow)

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