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ILLINOIS STATE SENATOR | 13TH DISTRICT

Ms. Carey Mayer
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Dear Ms. Mayer:

As Illinois Senator for the 13th District, I am writing to inform you that I fully support a preservation approach to any future work planned at Promontory Point in Burnham Park, Chicago.

I am aware that in 2002 your office declined to provide a letter of no adverse effects for the proposed demolition of Promontory Point's limestone revetment and new construction of concrete and steel. We have your office to thank that the historic revetment is still with us now to be preserved.

From my perspective, I see no basis for a change in that position. As we know from the community funded engineering studies regarding the Point in 2002-2005, repair and restoration of the limestone revetment is not only feasible but cost effective for rehabilitation and maintenance. Also, the Point's 2018 National Register listing mandates that the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for preservation be enforced. Finally, there is currently no erosion emergency or threat to Lake Shore Drive, to any buildings, or human safety at Promontory Point; the limestone revetment still functions.

Consequently, I request that your office:

- keep me informed of any requests you receive from the Chicago Park District, Chicago Department of Transportation, and/or US Army Corps of Engineers for approval of permits for any work or construction at Promontory Point;
- carefully review any proposals you receive for the Point and if they do not specify a true preservation approach to repair and rehabilitation of the existing historic limestone revetment with creative ADA adaptation, in keeping with the Secretary of Interior Standards, please do not issue a letter of no adverse effects;

- insist on the recognition and enforcement of all prior agreements regarding the Point; and,
- ensure a complete and robust Section 106 Review of any governmental agency proposals for construction at Promontory Point.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your attention to protecting Promontory Point's limestone revetment.

Sincerely,

Illinois Senator Robert Peters (13th)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Senator RP" followed by a stylized flourish.