



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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The Honorable Gary Peters
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Peters:

Acting Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt has asked me to respond on his behalf to your January 10, 2019, letter regarding staffing of the Old Post Office Tower (tower) located within the Trump International Hotel during the current lapse in appropriations.

Pursuant to the 1983 Public Law 98-1, the National Park Service (NPS) staffs the tower tour at the Old Post Office under an annual interagency agreement with the General Services Administration (GSA), which owns the building and provides annual funding for the NPS personnel. Operational details, including dates of operation and funding sources, are established by GSA. Each fiscal year the NPS prepares an estimate of needs and then GSA and NPS enter into negotiations for the staffing and funding levels.

The GSA can provide you with additional information.

Sincerely,

P. Daniel Smith
Deputy Director
Exercising the Authority of the Director