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June 12, 2025

**Subject: My Support for the Gateway Arch National Park Illinois Expansion**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my wholehearted and enduring support for the proposed expansion of the Gateway Arch National Park into Illinois.

The completion of this project is not only of local and regional importance, but of national significance. By formally incorporating the Illinois side, the park will finally tell the complete story of America's westward expansion, recognizing the crucial role our state played as the launching point of the historic Lewis and Clark Expedition. This expansion will also fulfill the original architectural vision of Eero Saarinen, creating the bi-state memorial he initially conceived.

The long-term benefits of this expansion for our community cannot be overstated. It represents a powerful catalyst for economic development and tourism, and it will provide invaluable new recreational, educational, and cultural opportunities for residents and visitors alike for generations to come.

The Illinois expansion is a visionary project that will have a positive and lasting impact. I respectfully urge your support for this endeavor and for the actions necessary to make it a reality. By advancing this initiative, we can ensure Illinois is fully represented within the footprint of one of our nation’s most iconic national parks and help bring to fruition a unified Gateway Arch National Park—standing as a proud testament to our history and a beacon for our future.

Sincerely,

**[Your Name]**

**[Your City/State]**