



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON

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The Honorable E. Scott Rigell  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Rigell:

Thank you for your letter regarding Fort Monroe and your interest in advancing a partnership between the National Park Service and the State of Virginia to preserve Fort Monroe's important historical, cultural, and natural values.

President Obama's America's Great Outdoors Initiative strongly promotes just the kind of partnership you suggest in your letter and seeks to advance such partnerships and preservation initiatives through an open public process. I would like to invite you to participate with me in a public meeting on the morning of June 29, 2011, in Hampton, Virginia. Once a specific time is determined, we will be in contact with your office. The purpose of the meeting would be to begin the process of gathering public input on this important historic place in our American history and how to preserve Fort Monroe and its very unique features.

I very much look forward to working with you, the people of Virginia, and others from around the country to determine the best course of action. My staff will be in touch with your office with specific information about the meeting in the coming days.

Sincerely,

Ken Salazar