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The Yosemite Fund  
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Christy Holloway, Chairperson  
The Yosemite Association  
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Dear Mr. Cranston and Ms. Holloway:

The National Park Service congratulates you and your respective Trustees, Council and staff on the ongoing efforts to consolidate The Yosemite Fund and the Yosemite Association.

We are truly fortunate in that Yosemite National Park has vibrant and successful nonprofit partner organizations that have contributed to this special place and its visitors in so many ways, including having incredible members and donors who dedicate their human and financial resources to this magnificent landscape we all cherish. By combining the strengths and proud traditions of the two organizations, its members and its donors, we are excited that a new unified organization will better serve Yosemite and help preserve our national treasure for future generations.

From the beginning of the Yosemite Museum Association in 1923, to the “Return of Light” campaign and the formation of the Yosemite Fund in 1988, the Association and the Fund have both played a crucial role in preserving the park and enriching the visitor experience. As we embark on a new era in Yosemite and look towards the second century of our National Parks, I am always reminded by the sign in our administrative conference room that poses the question—“Is it in the Best Interests of the Park.” With respect to the consolidation, I offer my enthusiastic support for a unified “cooperating association” that melds the strong features of the Fund and Association so we together can serve the best interests of this amazing place for the next century.

We look forward to our continuing partnership.

Sincerely,

David V. Uberuaga  
Acting Superintendent