

South Carolina Department of Natural Resources



John E. Frampton
Director

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The Honorable Ernest F. Hollings
United States Senator
125 Russell Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hollings:

I want to take this opportunity to endorse the proposed legislation to establish the Congaree Swamp National Park in the State of South Carolina (Congaree National Park Act of 2003). We are delighted to see your continued commitment to the protection of important environmental properties in our state. The expansion of the Congaree National Monument to a "National Park" certainly continues the habitat protection vision that is embraced by the Board of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources.

I have been in routine contact with your staff and many of our natural resource conservation partners as this important legislation was developed by your staff. We appreciate your staff's professional courtesy to us in seeking our agency's input. The expansion of this significant natural resource area certainly parallels the stated mission of our agency in proactively protecting the State's natural resources for the use and enjoyment by future generations of South Carolinians.

Again, thank you for your commitment to our natural resources and to improving the quality of life of our citizens. You have been a strong supporter of our conservation initiatives and our citizens are certainly indebted to you for your leadership and vision.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Frampton", written over a horizontal line.

John E. Frampton
Director

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