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David Bernhardt
Deputy Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington DC 20240

Re: RIN: 1024-AE45- Special Regulations, Areas of the National Park System,
National Capital Region, Special Events and Demonstrations

Dear Deputy Secretary Bernhardt:

The American Lung Association appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on the proposed rule, “Special Regulations, Areas of the National Park System, National Capital Region, Special Events and Demonstrations.”

The American Lung Association is the oldest voluntary public health association in the United States, currently representing the 33 million Americans living with lung diseases including asthma, lung cancer and COPD. Our mission is to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease. To achieve this goal, the Lung Association engages in education, research and advocacy to reduce tobacco use and exposure and to ensure all Americans have clean air to breathe and access to quality and affordable healthcare.

To fulfill our mission, the American Lung Association fully uses and supports the right to petition the government and to assemble in support or protest of government action or to raise the profile of issues of concern. The proposed rule jeopardizes the ability of organizations to peacefully assemble to petition the federal government. That change would stifle the voices of millions of Americans speaking up for the issues they care about in the nation’s capital.

In the spirit of openness and to preserve the ability to petition the federal government, the American Lung Association asks that the U.S. Department of the Interior to withdraw the proposed rule. Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments.

Sincerely,



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