



Honorable Senators & Representatives:

We wish to express deepest gratitude to our friends in the United States Congress who have provided unfailing support over the years. This support blossomed in 1992, when the Pony Express Trail was added to the National Trails System, and continues to this day in the generous funding provided to our Federal partners, the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and USDA Forest Service.

We are pleased to work hand in hand with dedicated personnel from these agencies to promote our common goals of identifying, marking, and promoting the Pony Express National Historic Trail, and keeping alive the stirring history of the Pony Express.

We wish to express our enthusiasm for and pride in the history and heritage of the Pony Express. Today, after 150 years, the world still honors the foresight of the founders, steadfastness of the station keepers, and the courage and determination of indomitable youth on fleet horses who established the Pony as an icon of the American West. Although its duration was brief, we believe that no single episode in our western history better epitomizes the American spirit of free enterprise and perseverance in the face of great obstacles than does the Pony Express.

We wish to express our faith in our great nation, and our belief that one of the keys to the future lies in staying firmly rooted in the past. Experiences on our National Historic Trails can help our people, young and old, to establish a feeling of where they belong in space and time. They can find a sense of pride in their heritage which will help them to connect with their own identity. They can realize that if our forbears could overcome the challenges of their day, we can likewise overcome the challenges of ours.

In 2010 and in the future, we will continue in our efforts to celebrate the historic Pony Express, to promote the Pony Express National Historic Trail, and to Keep the Spirit Alive.

Respectfully,

All members of the National Pony Express Association

