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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HUFFMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Park Partner En-
5 hancement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PARK PARTNER ENHANCEMENTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
3 sion of law, the Secretary of the Interior, acting through
4 the National Park Service, may enter into agreements
5 under section 814(g) of Public Law 104–333 (16 U.S.C.
6 1f) and section 101(d) of Public Law 104–208 (16 U.S.C.
7 1g) with educational institutions and non-profit organiza-
8 tions (referred to in this Act as a “Park Partner”) to ad-
9 vance National Park Service programs and projects in-
10 cluding, but not limited to, the following, each of which
11 shall be considered a “public purpose” under section 6305
12 of title 31, United States Code:

13 (1) To cooperatively manage improvements on
14 lands and programs within or related to one or more
15 units of the National Park System.

16 (2) To assist the National Park Service to plan,
17 design, and construct National Park facilities and
18 trails and restore landscapes and resources within or
19 related to one or more units of the National Park
20 System.

21 (3) To provide educational and interpretive pro-
22 grams and services within or related to one or more
23 units of the National Park System on a cost-recov-
24 ery basis.

1 (4) To develop, produce, publish, distribute, or
2 sell educational and interpretive materials and prod-
3 ucts.

4 (5) To raise funds and assets through donation
5 to support National Park Service projects and pro-
6 grams.

7 (b) CONTRIBUTIONS OF VOLUNTEERS.—The Sec-
8 retary of the Interior may consider the fair value of serv-
9 ices performed by persons who volunteer their services re-
10 quired for the agreement to the National Park Service and
11 who are recruited, trained, and supported by a Park Part-
12 ner as not more than 50 percent of an in-kind contribution
13 of the Park Partner for purposes of any cost sharing re-
14 quirement under any agreement entered into under sub-
15 section (a).

16 (c) FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.—Any funds do-
17 nated, proceeds received, or cost-recovery amounts pro-
18 vided through agreements entered into under subsection
19 (a) shall be retained by the Secretary or the Park Partner
20 in accordance with the relevant agreement and such pro-
21 ceeds shall remain available, without future appropriation,
22 until expended for preservation, restoration, operation,
23 maintenance, interpretation, public programs, and related
24 expenses of the National Park Service or Park Partner.