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May 19, 2023

The Honorable Charles Sams III
Director
National Park Service
1849 C St NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Director Sams,

I am writing regarding the ongoing investigation surrounding World War I-era munitions found in Fort Totten Park on April 18. I am requesting a briefing on the status of this investigation. I will attend Congresswoman Norton's June 14 Town Hall for DC residents with the National Park Service, and request that the National Park Service provide an update to the public on this matter at that event as well. Finally, I echo the Congresswoman's repeated requests that you facilitate a full and thorough investigation of Fort Totten Park for other hazardous materials and munitions, as the health and wellbeing of Ward 5 residents is at stake.

Thank you for your considerations of these requests. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office. I can be reached at 202-724-8028 and zparker@dccouncil.gov.

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Zachary Parker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being particularly prominent.

Zachary Parker
Ward 5 Councilmember

Cc: Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, and
Lieutenant General Scott Spellmon, Chief of Engineers and Commanding General, U.S. Army
Corps of Engineers