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Jonathan B. Jarvis
Director
National Park Service

Dear Mr. Jarvis,

On behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and our more than 5 million members and supporters worldwide, including many in Washington, D.C., where we have an office and an international visitors' house, I'm writing to urge you not to restock the pond at Constitution Gardens after hundreds of fish died this week at the National Mall.

As you know, these fish were not the first victims of the pond's poor design and construction: Thousands of dead fish were found floating there in 2013 because of the difficulty of maintaining an appropriate ecological balance in this location. We hope you will consider that these animals are sentient beings, capable of feeling fear and pain, who do not deserve to spend their lives in a barren box of shallow water—and prevent another such incident from occurring.

There are already so many intriguing attractions that enhance visitors' experiences on the National Mall, so I hope you will not simply acquire new live animals, as after the 2013 incident. Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you so that we can advise our members of your decision.

Very truly yours,

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