

Sample language for a letter of support is below. Please put your own text to the letter you send. A set of project ideas related to Calumet National Heritage Area goals and priorities of environment and stewardship, cultural heritage/historic preservation, recreation, the arts, economic development, wayfinding and branding, and education, are listed on pages 67-69 of the study <http://www.calumetheritage.org/cnhastudy.html>.

**LETTER OF SUPPORT – TEMPLATE – CALUMET NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA**

Please use your letterhead and modify the text to best express your organization's support.

Date

Mark J. Bouman, Ph.D.  
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Keller Science Action Center  
The Field Museum  
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Dear Dr. Bouman:

The [organization name] submits this letter in strong support of the proposed feasibility study and designation of a *Calumet National Heritage Area*.

The compelling landscape of the Calumet region is home to globally rare plants and animals, steel mills that built the famous Chicago skyline, and communities rich in cultural diversity. Together, these heritage resources make up a nationally significant region whose stories need to be told to residents, visitors, and the country. The feasibility study makes a solid case for the need for a Calumet National Heritage Area (NHA) and the vital role this federal designation could play in creating a stronger region with a sustainable future with enhanced quality of life.

The mission of [organization name] is --- [If applicable, describe how your organization has been involved in the Calumet NHA effort: attended meetings, serve as an advisory capacity, provided expertise.]

We support the proposed Calumet NHA because it aligns with the goals of [organization name] and would further our work to... [describe why your organization supports the Calumet NHA and how the work of your organization could be helped by Calumet NHA. For a list of potential projects, see pages 67-69 of the Feasibility Study <http://www.calumetheritage.org/cnhastudy.html>.]

If called upon, [organization name] would contribute [services, space, staff support, funds] to the make the Calumet NHA effort a success.

The [organization name] offers its full support for the proposed Calumet National Heritage Area. We look forward to continued partnership in this crucial initiative.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Name]

[Title]

[Organization]