

Dear Friends of The Lafayette Trail,

As the Bicentennial of Lafayette's Farewell tour draws nearer, more steps are being taken as part of The Lafayette Trail project to effectively prepare for the upcoming celebration.

Since commencing at the Consulate General of France in Boston in 2017, The Lafayette Trail has gained incredible momentum. In April of 2018, I had the honor, as a member of the French Presidential Delegation, of accompanying President Macron of France, for his state visit to Washington, D.C.. A grassroots movement of friends of Lafayette is now emerging across the nation. After a journey of more than 24,000 miles, more than 800 events during the tour have been documented and mapped in more than 320 American cities and towns across 24 states.

Legislative support has been achieved for official designation of the trail route in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and the public interest in Lafayette keeps growing at a faster pace every day. A new website and an enhanced version of the mapping program are online and accessible at www.thelafayettetrail.com.

I am happy and honored to present the next phase of the Lafayette Trail. Indeed, I am proud to announce that The Lafayette Trail has partnered with the **William G. Pomeroy Foundation to implement a multi-state roadside historical marker program across many of the 24 states of interest to the Farewell Tour.**

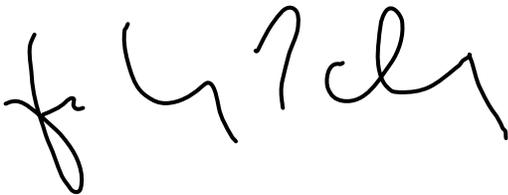
In order to carry on this exciting endeavor going forward toward 2024, The Lafayette Trail is kicking off a major fundraising campaign.

Donations for this next phase will be used to enable me to invite localities to apply to the William G. Pomeroy Foundation for markers, to coordinate the marker application process (a requirement by the Pomeroy Foundation that I supervise), to coordinate the content, production, and installation of the markers, and to travel to marker dedication ceremonies as opportunities to foster a continuing grassroots movement honoring Lafayette, and the friendship between America and France.

A reply card is accessible at www.thelafayettetrail.com/reply/reply.pdf for those of you who wish to make a donation to this exciting venture, one of the next major milestones promoting General Lafayette's role in the bilateral relationship between France and the United States. Signage along the trail will both promote the remembrance of Lafayette and his importance to American history, and tourism in the places he visited during the Farewell Tour. **We appreciate your support and interest in this endeavor.**

I am very excited about what lies ahead and I hope I can count on your support. I also want to extend my gratitude for the many kind words that I received after the Notre-Dame blaze that wreaked havoc on the historic rooftop of the iconic Parisian landmark.

Sincerely,
Julien Icher
Founder/Executive Director, The Lafayette Trail

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julien Icher', written in a cursive style.