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The National Capital Memorial Advisory
Commission met via Videoconference, at 1:00 p.m.
EDT, Tammy Stidham, Chair, presiding.

PRESENT

TAMMY STIDHAM, Chair, representing the Director
of the National Park Service

STEPHEN BRUCH, representing the Secretary of
Defense

EDWIN FOUNTAIN, representing the Chairman of the
American Battle Monuments Commission

JOSEPH IMAMURA, representing the Architect of
the Capitol

KIRSTEN KULIS, representing the Advisory Council
on Historic Preservation (non-voting member)

THOMAS LUEBKE, representing the Chairman of the
Commission of Fine Arts

DAVID MALONEY, representing the Mayor of the
District of Columbia

DIANE SULLIVAN, representing the Chairman of the
National Capital Planning Commission

KRISTI TUNSTALL WILLIAMS, representing the
Administrator of the General Services
Administration

1 ALSO PRESENT

2 DANIEL FOX, Commission of Fine Arts

3 LAUREL HAMMIG, Memorials Program Manager, NCMAC

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1:01 P.M.

CHAIR STIDHAM: I would like to welcome everyone to our first meeting of the year for the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission.

My name is Tammy Stidham. I serve as the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission Chairman, representing the Director of the National Parks Service.

Present for today's meeting are Diane Sullivan, representing the Chairman of the National Capital Planning Commission.

Joseph Imamura, representing the Architect of the Capitol; Tom Luebke, for the Chairman of the Commission of Fine Arts.

David Maloney, representing the mayor of the District of Columbia; Kristi Tunstall Williams, representing the Administrator of the General Services Administration.

Stephen Bruch, right? Representing the
Secretary of War; and Edwin Fountain, representing
the Chairman of the American Battle Monuments

1 Commission.

2 Also, representing the Advisory Council
3 on Historic Preservation, is Kirsten Kulis. Ms.
4 Kulis participates with the Commission in a
5 non-voting advisory capacity.

6 Finally, Laurel Hammig, Memorial's
7 Program Manager, is with us today. Our previous
8 Commission secretary, Michael McGraw, which you all
9 probably remember has accepted a new position within
10 the National Parks Service in Alaska.

11 So he is no longer with our office. We
12 are grateful for all of his contributions to NCMAC,
13 and we wish him the best in his new role in the wilds
14 of Alaska.

15 Also, I'd like to thank Dan Fox, and the
16 Commission of Fine Arts for your technical support
17 for today's meeting. We greatly appreciate your
18 help with this capacity.

19 So status of Congressional sponsors, we'll
20 move into the agenda. We have no members registered
21 to speak, or that provided any testimony today on
22 the agenda items.

1 An overview of today's business as most
2 of you know, we are here today, the Commission was
3 established by the Commemorative Works Act of 1986.

4 And it is required by this act to advise
5 the Secretary of the Interior, the administrator
6 of the General Services Administration, and
7 committees of Congress, on the establishment of
8 commemorative works in the District of Columbia and
9 its environs.

10 And to provide its views to the appropriate
11 committees on Congress, when the committees are
12 considering legislation to authorize commemorative
13 works within the District of Columbia and its
14 environs.

15 So today on our agenda, we have a review
16 of four House bills. A reminder to everyone that
17 NCMAC reviews proposed bills for alignment with the
18 standards and policies set out in the Commemorative
19 Works Act, and provides advice to Congress on those
20 pieces.

21 I will note that because we are conducting
22 this meeting through the Zoom platform, we don't

1 have the ability to call upon persons present in
2 the room to see if they wish to testify.

3 But if you are attending today from the
4 public and wish to testify, please email Laurel
5 Hammig as soon as possible at laurel_hammig,
6 H-A-M-M-I-G, @nps.gov, or call her at 202-875-3609,
7 so that we can make sure you have the opportunity
8 to speak. So thank you.

9 Okay, on to our first agenda -- go ahead.

10 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: I'm sorry, we may
11 be -- Mr. Bruch may be having some audio issues,
12 and I don't know if that's something you want to
13 address before you move on to the agenda.

14 CHAIR STIDHAM: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: So he's sending a
16 message saying, verify the number, but if you're
17 on, you got the right number. It's going to be an
18 audio settings issue. But --

19 CHAIR STIDHAM: Mr. Bruch, can you hear?

20 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: I'm not sure what
21 -- how we should handle this.

22 CHAIR STIDHAM: I'm not sure either. His

1 icon --

2 MR. FOX: Yes, I'm trying to provide audio
3 via the phone number for him, so.

4 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Oh, I see, you can
5 -- I got it. And you're communicating with him,
6 Dan?

7 MR. FOX: Yes, not sure if you see the
8 chat, yes.

9 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Oh, okay.

10 (Simultaneous speaking.)

11 MR. FOX: We're communicating. Yeah, so
12 --

13 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Great.

14 MR. FOX: -- just --

15 CHAIR STIDHAM: Okay.

16 MR. FOX: -- give me a moment.

17 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Okay.

18 CHAIR STIDHAM: Yeah, absolutely.

19 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Sorry about the --
20 I mean, sometimes this happens especially with
21 agencies that have higher security requirements.
22 Sometimes it gets messed up a little bit.

1 MR. FOX: Can you verify the last four
2 digits of your phone number? Do you know it?

3 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Dan, who are you
4 asking, Mr. Bruch or?

5 MR. FOX: Yeah, he's checking.

6 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Okay.

7 MR. FOX: Okay, I brought your phone
8 number into the meeting. Are you able to hear us
9 that way?

10 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: There's still a
11 mute symbol on it.

12 CHAIR STIDHAM: On his phone, yes.

13 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: He can't hear it,
14 it doesn't appear.

15 COMMISSIONER BRUCH: Sir, can you hear me,
16 this is Steve Bruch?

17 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: There we go, all
18 right.

19 CHAIR STIDHAM: There we go. Can you hear
20 us?

21 COMMISSIONER BRUCH: Yes, ma'am, loud and
22 clear. I'm sorry for the disruption.

1 CHAIR STIDHAM: No worries, no worries at
2 all. Thanks for letting us know, and I'm glad we
3 were able to get it straightened out.

4 So we'll pick up with our first agenda
5 item. And this is H.R. 3396. This is a legislative
6 proposal to redesignate Gravelly Point Park,
7 located along the George Washington Memorial
8 Parkway in Arlington County, Virginia, as the Nancy
9 Reagan Memorial Park.

10 On May 14th, 2025, Representative Darrell
11 Issa introduced H.R. 3396, which was referred to
12 the Committee on Natural Resources.

13 And this bill was also to redesignate
14 Gravelly Point Park, located in George Washington
15 Memorial Parkway, as Nancy Reagan Memorial Park.

16 So we have reviewed language like this
17 before. Gravelly Point -- just so that everyone's
18 clear on where Gravelly Point Park is, it's adjacent
19 to the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport,
20 and falls within Area II, as defined by the
21 Commemorative Works Act.

22 NCMAC did review H.R. 5457 in October of

1 2026, which had very similar language to today's
2 bill.

3 The letter noted that the naming of parks
4 is not explicitly addressed in the act, and thus
5 it may not directly apply to the legislation, and
6 that's what we said in 2016.

7 However, the commissioners also noted that
8 the legislation was not consistent with certain
9 principles set out in the act.

10 Specifically, Section 8903(c) of the act,
11 which precludes the establishment of commemorative
12 works to individuals prior to the 25th anniversary
13 of the death of the individual.

14 As Nancy Reagan died on March 6th of 2016,
15 none of the commissioners felt it was appropriate
16 to authorize a memorial to the former First Lady
17 at this time, and without a more complex evaluation
18 of alternatives.

19 Finally some commissioners also noted that
20 naming Gravelly Point Park for Nancy Reagan, could
21 preclude using the site for any future memorials,
22 as the site specifies that no new memorial shall

1 encroach upon an existing memorial.

2 Similarly, legislation was also
3 introduced again in 2017, H.R. 553; and in 2019,
4 H.R. 308; and in 2021, H.R. 4364, yes, 4364.

5 Those were not reviewed by NCMAC
6 specifically, because the 2016 letter held true to
7 the same facts as were in the newer versions for
8 the legislation.

9 So just to reiterate, our role here in
10 reviewing legislation, is to review consistency and
11 alignment with the Commemorative Works Act. So there
12 are really two main questions. First, is the bill
13 in accordance with Commemorative Works Act? If
14 not, where is it not in accordance?

15 And secondly, is the Commemorative Works
16 subject in accordance with the Commemorative Works
17 Act criteria? If not, note where it is out of
18 accordance or alignment with the Commemorative
19 Works Act.

20 So with that introduction, are there any
21 questions before we start the discussion?

22 Okay, so I think from -- go ahead

1 Commissioner Fountain.

2 COMMISSIONER FOUNTAIN: Yeah, as I read
3 the bill, it literally only provides for renaming
4 the park as Nancy Reagan Memorial Park.

5 It doesn't propose even an inscription
6 somewhere identifying it to the public as such to
7 the people biking through or picnicking there, or
8 doing whatever they do.

9 There's no object or physical intrusion,
10 at this time, proposed for the site other than
11 renaming it on -- in government records.

12 Is that correct?

13 CHAIR STIDHAM: That is correct. It
14 would serve as a commemoration though to Nancy
15 Reagan, by naming it her -- naming it for her.

16 But that is true. There is no memorial
17 or specific authorization proposed for such a
18 memorial.

19 COMMISSIONER FOUNTAIN: Thank you.

20 CHAIR STIDHAM: Commissioner Luebke?

21 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Edwin had raised.

22 No?

1 CHAIR STIDHAM: He already spoke.

2 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Oh, I'm sorry. Of
3 course he did.

4 COMMISSIONER FOUNTAIN: Thanks for paying
5 attention to me, Tom.

6 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Sorry, I just, I got
7 confused by the hands. All right, my only question
8 was you said that there -- that this had been
9 introduced several times, and that the last time
10 it went that it was -- felt that the letter held.

11 My question is, what is different -- if
12 my -- I just want to make sure I understand. Is
13 there anything different about this that would
14 change that prior commentary?

15 CHAIR STIDHAM: From our review, there is
16 nothing that would change our previous commentary.

17 But because it had been quite a while, we
18 felt like we should bring this back up before the
19 Commission, to ensure that those previous comments
20 in 2016 were still held true.

21 Because it's come up so many times and we
22 didn't offer new letters, that it seemed like

1 because of the passage of time it was important to
2 bring it back and ensure that the Commission still
3 agreed with those comments, and that we would draft
4 a new letter that was consistent with what we said
5 in 2016, and share that letter, as well, for
6 consistency's sake.

7 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Okay, thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: NCPC still agrees
9 with those comments.

10 CHAIR STIDHAM: Great, thank you
11 Commissioner Sullivan. I guess I would ask, does
12 anyone disagree? Commissioner Maloney.

13 COMMISSIONER MALONEY: Well, I would just
14 say that I agree, as well, with the previous
15 comments.

16 CHAIR STIDHAM: Okay, is there anyone that
17 disagrees with our previous comments, or wants to
18 see something else in addition to those comments?

19 Okay. So for new commissioners, what we
20 then do is we take the recommendations of the
21 Commission, and we prepare a letter, and then share
22 that back out to the commissioners for your review.

1 We do have to wait 30 days because we have
2 a 30 day public comment period. So if we get
3 anything else in between now and 30 days, we would
4 add that to the letter as a portion of the public
5 comment associated with this commission's work.

6 So we will move on to the next agenda item,
7 which is H.R. 5510, United States - Mexican War
8 Memorial Act of 2025.

9 So H.R. 5510 designates the --
10 co-designates the Arlington Memorial Bridge as the
11 United States - Mexican War Memorial, to authorize
12 limited interpretive enhancements for other
13 purposes.

14 On September 19th, 2025, Representative
15 Michael Baumgartner, introduced the bill, which was
16 referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

17 So just a little bit about Arlington
18 Memorial Bridge, and how it affects this bill. The
19 official name of the bridge remains unchanged, as
20 well as the jurisdictional responsibilities, and
21 the transportation functions.

22 As I mentioned, it's a co-designation and

1 currently the Arlington Memorial Bridge is
2 administratively named. It is not a memorial to
3 itself, so just to hit on that point.

4 The bill waives the Commemorative Works
5 Act applicability to site selection, co-designation
6 naming, and the commemorative enhancements that are
7 outlined in Section 5 of the CWA.

8 And just as a reminder, Arlington Memorial
9 Bridge is within Area I as defined by the Act.

10 So, you know, thinking about alignment
11 with the Commemorative Works Act, you know, has it
12 -- this is an event, so has it been 25 years since
13 the event? I think the answer is yes.

14 The bill is waiving site selection because
15 it already states a location. I -- thinking about
16 thematic nexus and the appropriateness of Arlington
17 Memorial Bridge with the war, the bridge says that
18 the -- the bridge says.

19 The legislation said that the bridge spans
20 Potomac River to connect the Lincoln Memorial with
21 Arlington House, the Robert E. Lee Memorial, making
22 it an appropriate site for co-designation that

1 reflects national reunion after the Civil War and
2 the United States East/West expansion, the
3 continental industrial power.

4 So that is what the bill is saying is the
5 thematic nexus there. The bridge itself to give
6 you context was originally conceived during Andrew
7 Jackson's term of office, so 1829 to 1837.

8 And Daniel Webster's speech in 1851
9 described a bridge that arches of granite,
10 stretching across the Potomac from Washington to
11 Virginia, physically and symbolically uniting the
12 North and South.

13 The McMillan Plan 1901 models and draws,
14 drawings include a bridge and other supporting
15 architectural elements where the American, where
16 the Arlington Memorial Bridge and other structure,
17 came to be built.

18 And then in 1921, there was a traffic jam
19 stretching from Washington to Arlington Cemetery.

20 And the following days, or several days
21 later depending on what your source is, the
22 Commission of Fine Arts asked Congress for

1 appropriations for a bridge in the vicinity of
2 Arlington Cemetery, and the rest is as you know.

3 So thinking about alignment, it does meet
4 the 25 year time frame. Any other thoughts?
5 Commission Luebke.

6 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: It's an interesting
7 question, the National War Memorial phenomenon,
8 which officially doesn't, just a little brief
9 history.

10 It doesn't actually specifically or --
11 what's the word? It's not explicit in Washington,
12 D.C., until the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in the
13 -- which was authorized I think in 1979 or '80.

14 It's actually a relatively new thing.
15 Having said that, of course the idea of Arlington
16 Bridge does -- it becomes a proxy memorial for the
17 Civil War, the whole set up between the Lincoln
18 Memorial and Arlington House, which is Robert E.
19 Lee's.

20 So it's got an extremely strong symbolic
21 content that refers to the Civil War.

22 Interesting, I sort of want to bring this

1 up because it's sort of interesting. At the time
2 this was being really planned out in the '20s, this
3 was a time right after the Great War as it was known,
4 World War I.

5 And actually, Edwin may have more to say
6 about this. But it was also talked about as a memory
7 to those who fought in that war, as well, as so many
8 memorials were built all over the country at that
9 time.

10 So it has had -- now nobody would probably
11 today be particularly aware of that World War I
12 connection.

13 My personal feeling is that it's kind of
14 a stretch to encumber something that's so, so deeply
15 symbolic already in its own right that if --

16 The Mexican War is really interesting and
17 a terribly momentous event in our national history
18 and maybe it requires -- maybe it could use its own
19 site.

20 It would be nice to consider other sites,
21 perhaps. Anyway, I kind of -- you can make that
22 argument go either way.

1 Is it okay to add more war to this object,
2 you know, this structure? It's sort of been done
3 before, but I don't know that it's a very compelling
4 argument. Thank you.

5 CHAIR STIDHAM: Commissioner Fountain.

6 COMMISSIONER FOUNTAIN: As a preliminary
7 note and not particularly germane to this
8 conversation but just for interest, my agency does
9 maintain the Mexico City National Cemetery, which
10 was established in 1851, and contains the remains
11 of 750 unknowns from the Mexican-American War in
12 Mexico City.

13 One of our least known and likely least
14 visited memorials. And I thought I would just show
15 it some love here today.

16 My understanding of Memorial Bridge has
17 always been that it serves a focused purpose and
18 a broader purpose, related to each other.

19 The focused purpose is as a Civil War
20 memorial, particularly one that serves something
21 of a purpose of reconciliation between North and
22 South, by very strongly connecting the Lincoln

1 Memorial to the Custis-Lee Mansion.

2 And so, you know, obviously a very visual
3 connection. A, you know, geographic connection,
4 if you will between those.

5 The broader purpose is as a memorial to
6 our war dead, and our nation's veterans writ large
7 across all wars because it does obviously connect
8 that to Arlington Cemetery, which of course was
9 created during the Civil War but now is the resting
10 place of war dead and other veterans from all of
11 our conflicts.

12 And given the narrow, and I feel like --
13 not repurposing but co-branding the Memorial Bridge
14 as a Mexican-American War memorial, does not align
15 with either the narrow focus or the broader focus.

16 And I, believe it or not, I do try to not
17 keep harkening back to my own experience before this
18 Commission, but I can't help but do it here.

19 Because as some of you will recall years
20 ago now, there was a proposal to redesignate the
21 District of Columbia War Memorial as a national
22 World War I memorial, expand its scope, and give

1 it a broader meaning than originally intended.

2 And this Commission was opposed to that
3 idea and several years later I realized that this
4 Commission was correct in that view.

5 And I don't think we ought to be in the
6 business of taking memorials to a, that were built
7 and conceived to memorialize a particular person
8 or group of persons, or an event, and then tack on
9 a different meaning.

10 It does a disservice to those originally
11 commemorated. It muddies and confuses the messages
12 drawn from those memorials by their very founding,
13 by their design, by their legacy.

14 And while this legislation attempts to
15 draw a connection between the Civil War and the
16 Mexican-American War, that is not convincing to me.

17 When we were discussing the siting of the
18 War on Terror Memorial, we observed that there was
19 a very strong geopolitical connection between
20 Desert Storm, and subsequent conflicts in Iraq and
21 Afghanistan.

22 I don't see that strong connection between

1 the Civil War and the Mexican-American War.

2 Certainly, one cause of the Civil War was
3 the question of expansion of slavery into new
4 territories that we acquired as a result of the
5 Mexican-American War.

6 But a memorial to the Civil War is about
7 a North-South conflict, and about reconciliation.

8 As this legislation provides, the
9 Mexican-American War was about Western expansion,
10 and they conceive that this is a memorial to Western
11 expansion. And I view those two events in our
12 nation's history as fairly separate.

13 And so for those reasons, I submit that
14 this proposal is not well founded. And as
15 Commissioner Luebke said, let's consider other
16 places for a proper and focused memorial to the
17 Mexican-American War. Thank you.

18 CHAIR STIDHAM: Thank you, you both had
19 really great points. And encouraging site
20 selection in our comments based on all of those
21 points, I think are really valuable pieces of
22 information to send back to the committee, and to

1 the sponsor.

2 Were there any thoughts of others?

3 Okay, with that we will direct up to
4 consider a variety of locations associated -- that
5 are better, have a nexus with this particular theme.

6 Okay, we are moving right along. The
7 third agenda item is H.R. 5786, White House NOT FOR
8 SALE Act, to prohibit the display of names at the
9 White House without approval or for other reasons.

10 The bill was introduced by Representative
11 Mark Takano, and I apologize for whoever's name I'm
12 butchering, on October 17th, 2025.

13 It was referred to the Committee on
14 Oversight and Government Reform, and the Committee
15 of Natural Resources also.

16 So the bill, Section 1(b) of the bill
17 states that Commemorative Work Acts applies to any
18 display that qualifies as a commemorative work under
19 the CWA.

20 And just to be clear, verbiage from the
21 bill specifically says, Commemorative Works Act
22 chapter 89 of Title 40 U.S. Code, commonly known

1 as Commemorative Works Act, shall apply to an
2 inscription, engraving, advertisement, or other
3 display described in sub-section (a), that meets
4 the criteria for a commemorative work under Section
5 8902 of such chapter.

6 So it does say that commemorative works
7 explicitly applies to anything in mention of what
8 the definition of a commemorative work is. So
9 thoughts? And I can go a little bit more into the
10 analysis if that helps sort of set up the discussion.

11 Commissioner Luebke?

12 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Yeah, I would love
13 some clarification from the Parks Service in that
14 I, not having quite followed those references of
15 when does it apply.

16 It certainly makes sense, the question is
17 it seems like the intent of the Commemorative Works
18 Act, and I don't have it in front of me, but it seemed
19 like those questions of inscriptions, et cetera,
20 donor recognition, et cetera, are subordinate to
21 another thing which is deemed a commemorative work.

22 CHAIR STIDHAM: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: And I don't -- I'm
2 having trouble understanding the connection with
3 that legal idea, to something at the White House,
4 which is not inherently commemorative.

5 But I would love to know what the Parks
6 Services has thought about this. Thank you.

7 CHAIR STIDHAM: So it's a complex
8 situation, as you can imagine. Really what this
9 bill is offering is that it would prohibit any
10 permanent or semi-permanent inscription,
11 engraving, or advertisement.

12 So it could be seen as donor recognition.
13 I think it also could be seen as commemorating a
14 certain item or structure, which, and I could pull,
15 I have the Commemorative Works Act open.

16 And the term commemorative work means any
17 statute, monument, sculpture, memorial, plaque,
18 inscription, or other structure and landscape
19 feature, including a garden or memorial grove
20 designated to perpetuate in a permanent manner, the
21 memory of an individual, a group, or other
22 significant element of American history, except

1 that the term does not include any such item which
2 is located within the interior of a structure, or
3 a structure which is permanently used for other
4 purposes.

5 So I think you could look at this as also
6 applying a name to a particular structure. Or like
7 I said, a plaque.

8 I think the definition of commemorative
9 work is very clear in what, what sort of item could
10 be considered under this bill.

11 And I think it's sort of vague to encompass
12 whatever may come in the future. Does that help?

13 Commissioner Fountain?

14 COMMISSIONER FOUNTAIN: I mean speaking
15 as the lawyer in the group I guess. 2(b) of the
16 statute seems to be somewhat tautological.

17 It says that an inscription, engraving,
18 or advertisement or display, that meets the criteria
19 for a commemorative work under Section 8902 will
20 be treated as a commemorative work.

21 I think what it clarifies is that such a
22 commemorative work within the White House, or a

1 structure on the White House, or within the White
2 House grounds, would come under the Commemorative
3 Works Act.

4 And therefore, be subject to this
5 commission's review and other provisions
6 established in the CWA.

7 But I don't know that this statute expands
8 the definition of a commemorative work beyond what's
9 already in the act, other than clarifying that it
10 applies to the White House grounds.

11 CHAIR STIDHAM: I think you're right.
12 That's my read, as well. Would this Commission
13 disagree that it would apply to the White House
14 grounds? Or that it currently does not -- maybe
15 the question is better, does it currently apply?

16 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Can you clarify for
17 us, does the Commemorative Works Act somehow exempt
18 the White House from?

19 CHAIR STIDHAM: No, not from --

20 (Simultaneous speaking.)

21 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Still again to
22 follow on Edwin's discussion, it doesn't seem like

1 it changes anything.

2 CHAIR STIDHAM: I'm not sure if it --

3 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Or am I -- go ahead.

4 CHAIR STIDHAM: I'm not sure that it does
5 change anything. I think it is being explicit on
6 the application, and a particular location.

7 Instead of Commemorative Works Act is
8 about the District of Columbia and its environs.

9 And this is being explicit that it applies in one
10 location within those environments, is my read of
11 the bill in front of us.

12 COMMISSIONER FOUNTAIN: I'll confess, I
13 didn't study this particular question in advance
14 of the meeting.

15 But the term the District of Columbia and
16 its environs, is itself defined in Section
17 8902(a)(2).

18 It refers to those lands and properties
19 administered by the National Parks Service, and the
20 General Services Administration.

21 So I guess the question is, does that cover
22 the White House?

1 CHAIR STIDHAM: Well, the White House
2 grounds is --

3 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: The grounds.

4 CHAIR STIDHAM: -- under the jurisdiction
5 of the National Parks Service. But there is also
6 a statute associated with the Parks Service's
7 inability to inhibit, and I don't have the statute
8 in front of me so I'm just going to speak from memory.

9 The functions of the Executive Office as
10 its associates to their needs, responsibilities,
11 or goals.

12 So that is where we cannot interfere even
13 though it is land under the jurisdiction of the
14 National Parks Service.

15 COMMISSIONER FOUNTAIN: Well, there's an
16 interplay between those two statutes that we're not
17 competent to adjudicate.

18 CHAIR STIDHAM: I believe so.

19 COMMISSIONER FOUNTAIN: And so I think
20 arguably, this, whether this statute represents --
21 yeah, either represents a change or a clarification,
22 I'm not sure which.

1 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Or neither. I
2 mean, it doesn't look like it changes actually
3 anything. It emphasizes something, but it doesn't
4 -- there it's already true.

5 COMMISSIONER FOUNTAIN: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: So it's not really
7 --

8 (Simultaneous speaking.)

9 COMMISSIONER FOUNTAIN: Yeah, the
10 interplay between these two statutes will still be
11 there, and that question would still have to be --

12 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER FOUNTAIN: -- resolved.
14 Yes, you're right, Tom.

15 CHAIR STIDHAM: We could elevate in one,
16 you could just look at it as that it elevates the
17 Commemorative Works Act jurisdiction in the area.

18 By clarifying that explicitly, being more
19 explicit about the application.

20 COMMISSIONER FOUNTAIN: As a matter of
21 statutory construction, it would lead to giving more
22 weight to the Commemorative Works Act versus the

1 other statute, in determining whether restrictions
2 on these kinds of additions or designations, are
3 something that interferes with the operations and
4 the actions of the president.

5 CHAIR STIDHAM: For our comments on this,
6 I'm not completely sure what is the best to suggest.

7 We could take the stance that the
8 Commemorative Works Act applies already and this
9 elevates that.

10 Or emphasizes it for, or clarifies some
11 better language from that, the applicability of the
12 Commemorative Works Act for the grounds and the
13 structures on the grounds.

14 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Well, if I could?

15 CHAIR STIDHAM: Go ahead.

16 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: The reason why this
17 is a head scratcher is that it doesn't seem like
18 -- it's unclear that it applies.

19 And so by saying yes it applies again, then
20 that calls into question where else do we need?

21 If this requires clarification, then it
22 sort of opens the door for does everything need to

1 be clarified for every situation?

2 It just applies. So I guess I don't
3 understand what we're being asked to --

4 CHAIR STIDHAM: Yeah, it's a little, it's
5 hard.

6 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Yes.

7 CHAIR STIDHAM: Commissioner Maloney.

8 COMMISSIONER MALONEY: I think one way
9 perhaps to address it is to point out that, if people
10 agree, to point out that there is no apparent
11 conflict with the law. And just leave it at that.

12 CHAIR STIDHAM: Commissioner Fountain?
13 Yes, I agree.

14 COMMISSIONER FOUNTAIN: Yeah, and the
15 bill does add the additional authority with the
16 speaker, and the minority leader of the House of
17 Representatives.

18 So it, in a sense, amends the Commemorative
19 Works Act. Not specifically, but it does provide
20 that additional layer of review and approval. So
21 there is a change in that regard.

22 CHAIR STIDHAM: We are finding in our

1 daily work with members, that there is a lack of
2 complete understanding of the Commemorative Works
3 Act.

4 Which may be the case here, right, that
5 this is, this was enacted some time ago and not
6 everyone understands all the ins and outs.

7 And this introduction may also just be that
8 there's not a clear understanding of what is
9 covered, and what isn't covered. Sort of a belt
10 and suspenders sort of approach maybe.

11 Okay, we will --

12 (Simultaneous speaking.)

13 COMMISSIONER FOUNTAIN: Well, I guess my

14 --

15 CHAIR STIDHAM: Go ahead.

16 COMMISSIONER FOUNTAIN: My proposal for
17 a response I think, would be to say with respect
18 to paragraph (b), we believe this is already the
19 case.

20 That the White House grounds and the
21 buildings within the White House grounds, including
22 the White House, are subject to the Commemorative

1 Works Act.

2 We don't have to weigh in on how the
3 Commemorative Works Act interacts with that other
4 statute, which I know I've read but I can't remember
5 it offhand.

6 And then, note that section (a) again
7 provides that additional level of approval, and I
8 myself, don't have a view on that.

9 I'll defer to Congress on whether they want
10 to inject themselves in those considerations.

11 CHAIR STIDHAM: So how does everyone feel
12 about that? Okay, I see is anyone opposed to taking
13 that approach?

14 Okay, great, great. We will give that a
15 go and provide it for your review. So thank you.

16 And then, our last agenda item, which is,
17 sorry, I lost my tab here. Is the review of H.R.
18 6643, American Border Story Memorial Act, which
19 authorizes a commemorative work in the District of
20 Columbia and its environs, to honor United States
21 citizens and legal residents, who lost their lives
22 as victims of crimes committed by individuals

1 unlawfully present in the United States, and for
2 other purposes.

3 On December 11th, 2025, Representative Abe
4 Hamadeh introduced H.R. 6643, which was then
5 referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

6 We have several speakers who indicated
7 they plan to provide oral testimony on this bill
8 today.

9 We will start with Brennan Gorman, with
10 the American Border Story. And we ask each of the
11 speakers to stay on at the conclusions of your
12 remarks, in case any of the commission has questions
13 for you.

14 Mr. Fox, do you see Mr. Gorman?

15 MR. FOX: I think he's been promoted.

16 CHAIR STIDHAM: Great. I'm not seeing
17 him yet. There we go.

18 MR. GORMAN: All right, hello everyone.

19 CHAIR STIDHAM: Hello, good afternoon.
20 You can go ahead and get started. And please begin
21 with introducing yourself.

22 MR. GORMAN: Wonderful, thank you, Chair.

1 And good afternoon to the members of the
2 Commission.

3 My name is Brennan Gorman, and I serve as
4 the Deputy Executive Director of the American Border
5 Story.

6 Thank you for this opportunity to speak
7 in support of H.R. 6643, the American Border Story
8 Memorial Act.

9 The American Border Story is a national
10 organization dedicated to documenting and telling
11 the human stories behind the illegal immigration
12 crisis in the United States.

13 Our work focuses on sharing the
14 experiences of the families, victims, and
15 communities who have been directly impacted by this
16 crisis.

17 The American Border Story exists to ensure
18 that these voices are heard, and that these stories
19 are preserved.

20 The modern legal framework surrounding
21 illegal immigration dates back more than a century,
22 to the Immigration Act of 1924, which established

1 national immigration quotas, and created the United
2 States Border Patrol to enforce federal immigration
3 law.

4 In 1929, Congress further defined unlawful
5 entry with Section 1325 of the Immigration Act of
6 1929, which criminalized undocumented immigration
7 for the first time.

8 These laws demonstrate that this issue of
9 illegal immigration and its impact on American
10 communities, have been present for generations.

11 Over the past year, the American Border
12 Story has worked closely with angel families across
13 the country.

14 These are families who have lost loved ones
15 in crimes committed by individuals who are in the
16 United States illegally.

17 Behind every statistic is a person. A
18 son, a daughter, a mother, or a father whose life
19 was taken, and his family now lives with that loss
20 every day.

21 And you will be hearing from some of our
22 families that are on this call today, who are so

1 looking forward to sharing their stories with you
2 all.

3 Many of these families have told us the
4 same thing, their greatest fear is that their loved
5 one will be forgotten.

6 The purpose of the American Border Story
7 Memorial Act, proposed through H.R. 6643 by
8 Congressman Abe Hamadeh, is to ensure that they are
9 not.

10 Washington, D.C. is home to memorials that
11 tell the story of our nation. These memorials exist
12 to ensure that future generations remember the
13 people and events that shaped our country.

14 The American Border Story Memorial would
15 serve that same purpose. It would create a
16 permanent place in our nation's capital where the
17 lives lost in connection with the illegal
18 immigration crisis are honored.

19 And where the stories of these families
20 are preserved forever.

21 For many angel families there is no, there
22 is currently no national place of recognition for

1 their loved ones.

2 This memorial would provide a space for
3 a remembrance, reflection, and education. It would
4 ensure that these stories remain part of the
5 American story and that the human impact of this
6 crisis is not overlooked.

7 At its core, the effort is about
8 remembrance and recognition. It is about
9 acknowledging the families who continue to carry
10 this loss, and ensuring that their loved ones are
11 honored with dignity.

12 On behalf of the families whose stories
13 we help share, I respectfully ask the Commission
14 to support the advancement of the American Border
15 Story Memorial.

16 Thank you for your time, and thank you for
17 the work you do to preserve the commemorative
18 landscape of our nation's capital.

19 Thank you very much.

20 CHAIR STIDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Gorman.
21 Are there any questions from commissioners of Mr.
22 Gorman?

1 Okay, and now we have a number of speakers
2 that are also wishing to testify. Will -- each
3 speaker has 3 minutes, and we will start with Agnes
4 Gibboney.

5 MS. GIBBONEY: Hi, good afternoon members
6 of the Commission, and thank you for the opportunity
7 to allow me to speak.

8 My name is angel mom Agnes Gibboney. I
9 was born in Communist Budapest, Hungary. My family
10 and I escaped after the Former Soviet Union invaded
11 my country in 1956.

12 I grew up in Brazil and we legally
13 immigrated to the U.S. when I was 16 years old.

14 My first born and only son, Ronald da
15 Silva, forever 29, was shot, murdered, by a
16 previously deported criminal illegal alien gang
17 member on April 27, 2002, in area, where my husband
18 was the deputy chief of police.

19 H.R. 6643, the American Border Story
20 Memorial Act, was introduced on December 11th by
21 Abe Hamadeh.

22 To be present -- I was honored to be present

1 at the press conference holding my son's picture,
2 along with several other angel families and fentanyl
3 families.

4 This proposed memorial would mean so much
5 to all of us who have lost a child, a family member,
6 at the hands of an illegal alien.

7 For years, victims of illegal alien crimes
8 have been ignored as if never happened, or simply
9 politicians refused and still refuse to take notice
10 that so many citizens have been harmed and killed
11 by those who should have never been in our country.

12 Many families torn apart and destroyed,
13 like mine.

14 I use the term illegal alien and not
15 illegal immigrant, because my family and I are legal
16 immigrants who followed immigration laws and waited
17 the process to legally come into our country.

18 I am a proud naturalized citizen. I do
19 not hold dual citizenship. My loyalty is for the
20 United States of America, to which I swore
21 allegiance to protect and defend against foreign
22 and domestic invaders.

1 It is time to stop hiding, pretending, and
2 denying that American citizens have been harmed and
3 killed at the hands of illegal aliens.

4 It is time that victims of illegal alien
5 crimes receive a memorial in D.C., so our loved ones
6 will forever be remembered long after we are gone.

7 I pray that each one of you will approve
8 and pass H.R. 6643, the American Border Story
9 Memorial Act, to the House.

10 It will mean so much to each one of us moms,
11 dads, and families, but our loved one -- that our
12 loved one is respected, loved, and will forever be
13 remembered. Their lives mattered.

14 Thank you so much for your time and
15 attention. Sincerely, angel mom Agnes Gibboney.

16 CHAIR STIDHAM: Thank you very much for
17 your testimony. Are there any questions for Ms.
18 Gibboney?

19 Okay, thank you very much for your
20 testimony today. We appreciate it.

21 MS. GIBBONEY: Thank you.

22 CHAIR STIDHAM: Mr. Fox, why don't we

1 bring up the next three just to save time in bringing
2 folks up.

3 Mary Ann Mendoza. Oh, I'm really going
4 to botch this gentleman's name. Mr. Anatoly
5 Varfolomeev, and Ms. Vickie Schermock.

6 MR. FOX: It looks like Anatoly declined
7 to be elevated to be a panelist, but Mary Ann Mendoza
8 is present.

9 CHAIR STIDHAM: Okay. Ms. Mendoza, if
10 you want to get started, you have -- start by
11 introducing yourself and then you have 3 minutes.
12 When you're ready.

13 MS. MENDOZA: Good morning, and thank you
14 for the opportunity to speak this morning. I'm
15 angel mom Mary Ann Mendoza, and I am the founder
16 of Angel Moms and Angel Families.

17 My son Sergeant Brandon Mendoza, of the
18 Mesa Arizona Police Department, was killed on May
19 12th, 2014, in a head-on collision involving a
20 repeat illegal criminal.

21 The illegal had been driving for over 35
22 miles the wrong way on three different freeways here

1 in the phoenix area, and was three times the legal
2 limit drunk and high on meth.

3 He ran head on going 104 miles an hour into
4 my son's car, on his way home from protecting his
5 community.

6 While there is conflicting information on
7 the number of innocent Americans killed in our
8 country by illegal criminals, the victims of illegal
9 alien crime are in the tens of thousands, and the
10 way legislation has been changed on the reporting
11 of illegal crime today, locally and federally, has
12 skewed the true statistics of these devastating
13 crimes.

14 This is a war happening right here in our
15 homeland. Americans killed by foreigners who were
16 illegally present in our country.

17 You know, on one of my trips to D.C., I
18 walked the Vietnam War Memorial and was saddened
19 to see all the names of our fellow countrymen who
20 had died in a foreign war.

21 And as I continued walking around viewing
22 all the memorials dedicated to our military men and

1 women over the years, it occurred to me that my son
2 and thousands of others, were really part of this
3 war in our homeland.

4 Innocent American victims killed by
5 foreign criminals on our streets, and in our
6 communities.

7 This war doesn't have a specific start
8 date, nor does it have an end date. This is ongoing
9 every day, every week, every month, and this could
10 go on for decades. It's truly heartbreaking to hear
11 of all the families affected by these crimes that
12 do not make mainstream news.

13 The lack of justice that so many families
14 must endure, this isn't just the death of our loved
15 ones.

16 It changes the whole family. And it
17 changes communities as in the case of my son, who
18 was a cherished police sergeant in his beat.

19 He changed children's direction in life
20 by being a mentor at the Boys and Girls Club.

21 He provided Christmas presents for the
22 unfortunate. He spent his time off playing

1 kickball with the kids in the area he patrolled
2 buying them pizza and ice cream, and got the drug
3 dealers and homeless out of the community park so
4 that families could once again gather in peace, and
5 be protected.

6 I had countless children approach me after
7 his death asking, who's going to play kickball with
8 us, Mrs. Mendoza, and buy us pizza?

9 Brandon didn't deserve what happened to
10 him. Brandon made a difference. Brandon loved his
11 job. Brandon loved life. But he was silenced, and
12 buried.

13 A memorial erected in D.C. would shed light
14 on the number of Americans who have fallen victim
15 to illegal crime right here in our country.

16 These were innocent Americans obeying our
17 laws, living peacefully in their communities, and
18 who have been wiped out without a second thought
19 by many politicians who have taken an oath to protect
20 us, and to protect our homeland.

21 It would be a reminder of the importance
22 of upholding our immigration laws. This memorial

1 would be privately funded and you know what? It
2 would probably take a QR code to go on the web --
3 on the memorial, to go to a website to view all the
4 names.

5 It can't be a visual wall with names like
6 the Vietnam War Memorial because these deaths
7 continue to happen today, tomorrow, and the day
8 after tomorrow.

9 Our children and loved ones deserve to be
10 remembered, their names spoken, and their lives
11 honored.

12 I'm here representing hundreds of angel
13 moms and families whose only ask is that we have
14 this opportunity to place this privately funded
15 memorial in D.C., as a visual reminder of our loved
16 ones' lives, their sacrifice, and their dreams that
17 were erased the day they were killed in their own
18 country by foreign criminals.

19 Thank you.

20 CHAIR STIDHAM: Thank you, Ms. Mendoza.

21 Any questions for Ms. Mendoza?

22 Okay, thank you very much for being here

1 today and providing your testimony. We appreciate
2 it.

3 MS. MENDOZA: Thank you.

4 CHAIR STIDHAM: Mr. Fox, any luck with
5 Anatoly?

6 MR. FOX: We can allow him to talk. Oh,
7 no, it looks like he was just able to get in, so.

8 CHAIR STIDHAM: Okay, great.

9 MR. FOX: He should turn on his video and
10 --

11 MR. VARFOLOMEEV: Hello? Can you hear
12 me?

13 CHAIR STIDHAM: Hi, yes, we can hear you.
14 Are you able to turn on your video?

15 MR. VARFOLOMEEV: I -- yeah.

16 CHAIR STIDHAM: Great.

17 MR. VARFOLOMEEV: I think I --

18 CHAIR STIDHAM: You were on for like a sec
19 and then you disappeared. There we are.

20 MR. VARFOLOMEEV: Oh, yeah.

21 CHAIR STIDHAM: Welcome.

22 MR. VARFOLOMEEV: Yes.

1 CHAIR STIDHAM: If you can start by
2 introducing yourself when you're ready.

3 MR. VARFOLOMEEV: Yes. My name is
4 Anatoly Varfolomeev, and I live in Northern
5 California in the Bay Area.

6 I am father of Anya Varfolomeev, who was
7 killed together with her childhood friend,
8 Nicholay, by the illegal alien, Oscar Eduardo Ortega
9 Anguiano, on November 13th, 2021.

10 I don't know why they have all those long
11 names. Mine is two words, theirs is like four.

12 Well, on November 11 -- on November 13,
13 2021, intoxicated by alcohol and on drugs, three
14 times already felon, Oscar Ortega, he was twice
15 deported before.

16 Repeat California state criminal; four
17 prior violent felonies and prison time, who did not
18 have a driver license.

19 Was flying at 100 miles per hour on a public
20 interstate in California, in Southern California,
21 when he rammed our children's car.

22 The car of our children immediately burst

1 into flames on the impact. Our children burned,
2 and their mutilated bodies had to be extracted from
3 the totally destroyed and burned car. There is the
4 car. Yeah, I don't know whether you see it or not.

5 And their bodies had to be identified
6 through medical records and were returned to us
7 parents for burial in sealed caskets and were not
8 allowed to -- we were not allowed to open them up.

9 Both of the kids just turned 19 and were
10 the youngest siblings in the families. They had
11 been friends for 15 years.

12 Both of them just started their second year
13 of college studies that year, and that evening they
14 were driving back home to parents from a tour of
15 Nicholay, Pepperdine University.

16 So that's the tragic story and it's
17 incomprehensive. So let me tell you that I am not
18 affiliated with any party or anything.

19 I'm just a grieving father and that's it.

20 And it's incomprehensive that the White House
21 policies allowed that to happen.

22 And California state authorities

1 completely ignored that fact. And they failed to
2 protect the family, but they protected the illegal
3 alien.

4 And we felt the information of his illegal
5 status even though in my daughter's case, as if she
6 did not live, or she didn't even exist.

7 So he was released from the state prison
8 after three and a half years out of his 10 year
9 concurrent sentence.

10 With the new administration in the White
11 House and who I consider the real leader of the
12 country, my daughter's name and tragic case finally
13 was mentioned as the most devastating loss endured
14 by any family from which we are not able to recover,
15 honestly.

16 And this is the only hint of hope that her
17 name, along with the names of other innocent victims
18 of illegal aliens, who Biden, and I think
19 anti-American spaz by flooding the country with
20 them, and they did not, they did nothing to protect
21 ordinary hardworking taxpaying citizens, will be
22 remembered not only as a grave stone at a local

1 cemetery, but will be engraved in a national
2 memorial.

3 On my trip, recent trip to Washington,
4 D.C., to the White House, I visited the Natural --
5 National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in
6 Washington, D.C. And I was impressed by that and
7 by other monuments.

8 So the monument that was suggested by the
9 act, by American Border Story and Congressman
10 Abraham Hamadeh from Arizona, will -- should and
11 would remind future White House administrations and
12 current and future lawmakers on the Capitol Hill,
13 of previous Biden-Harris government and Congress
14 and Senate, completely failed my family.

15 Failed by properly protecting borders of
16 the country; by allowing undocumented illegal
17 aliens to use the United States as a playground for
18 murdering, robbing, raping, abusing American
19 taxpayers and the system, time and again without
20 any consequences, without being fully punished by
21 the American justice system.

22 That monument should always be a silent

1 and somber reminder to everyone visiting or working
2 in Washington, D.C., that open borders should never
3 happen in the future.

4 For the new generations of the Americans
5 because --

6 (Simultaneous speaking.)

7 CHAIR STIDHAM: Sir, I'm sorry --

8 MR. VARFOLOMEEV: -- they are put in
9 danger.

10 CHAIR STIDHAM: -- I'm sorry to interrupt,
11 but your time is up.

12 MR. VARFOLOMEEV: Thank you, thank you.

13 CHAIR STIDHAM: If you want to call --

14 MR. VARFOLOMEEV: Yes. I am called in.

15 I just wanted to say thank you because when I
16 visited, I saw the memorials in Washington, D.C.

17 They look very in place, very well
18 designed, complete, well-maintained, and thought
19 through, respectful, and as memorial should be.

20 So thank you for your work.

21 CHAIR STIDHAM: Thank you, very much.

22 And so sorry for your loss. Are there any

1 questions?

2 Thank you again for being here today and
3 providing your testimony.

4 MR. VARFOLOMEEV: Thank you for allowing
5 it.

6 CHAIR STIDHAM: Mr. Fox, do we have Vickie
7 Schermock? And after that is Robi Vollkommer.

8 Good morning, Ms. Schermock. Am I
9 pronouncing your name correctly? I apologize if
10 I botched it up.

11 MS. SCHERMOCK: No, it's pronounced
12 Schermock.

13 CHAIR STIDHAM: Schermock. Thank you --

14 MS. SCHERMOCK: Yes.

15 CHAIR STIDHAM: -- so much. If you would
16 introduce yourself, and you have three minutes.

17 MS. SCHERMOCK: Thank you. Good
18 afternoon, and thank you for this opportunity. I
19 am Angel Mom Vickie Schermock, the mother of
20 Dennielle Nikki Schermock, who was tragically
21 killed November 17th, 2001, by an illegal alien from
22 Mexico. He was high on cocaine, drunk, and driving

1 on the wrong side of the road and crashed head-on
2 into Nikki's car at over 70 miles per hour, killing
3 her instantly.

4 My two young grandchildren, ages four
5 years and 16 months, were also in the car, the
6 four-year-old suffering traumatic injuries which
7 are ongoing to this day. By the grace of God, my
8 grandchildren are alive.

9 The illegal sustained two broken legs, was
10 hospitalized and moved to a rehab center, where his
11 family snuck him out in the middle of the night.

12 Four felony charges had been filed against him,
13 and to this day, he is a fugitive of the law. There
14 has been no justice for my daughter's short life.

15 Her dreams of becoming a nurse and raising her two
16 children were permanently erased that day.

17 Although I adopted and raised my two
18 grandchildren, they were deprived of knowing their
19 mother and too young to retain any memories of her.

20 This tragic wreck caused my mother to have a heart
21 attack from the shock and grief. Nikki's family
22 is still shattered by her untimely loss almost 25

1 years later.

2 We Angel Families are asking for
3 recognition of the American Border Story Memorial
4 Act for the sacrifices our children and loved one
5 paid by the ultimate price of death at the hands
6 of illegal aliens, for the failures of elected
7 officials to uphold our immigration laws by creating
8 sanctuary for these criminals from our laws, and
9 for recognition of the thousands of victims that
10 are the end result of all of this.

11 The Angel Family Memorial Wall will not
12 be a burden to taxpayers, nor cause any fraud, as
13 is now being readily found in our nation by illegals
14 who don't view our country as their own but as a
15 way to make money and cause chaos in our nation.

16 America doesn't need to change to welcome
17 these criminals into our country. Our borders need
18 to remain closed, our immigration laws upheld.
19 It's time a message is sent to this nation: American
20 lives matter.

21 In closing, the persons we were before
22 losing our children is nothing like the persons we

1 have become after burying our children. Our
2 children's lives matter. Thank you for this
3 opportunity.

4 CHAIR STIDHAM: Thank you so much. Do any
5 Commissioners have any questions?

6 Okay. Thank you very much for being here
7 today. We appreciate your time.

8 MS. SCHERMOCK: Thank you.

9 CHAIR STIDHAM: Mr. Fox, do we have a Ms.
10 Vollkommer or a Mr. Odette, a Mr. Chris Odette?

11 MR. FOX: Oh, sorry. I was speaking with
12 my mic off. Yes, I was saying I don't see a Robi
13 Vollkommer or Chris Odette. But are you speaking
14 as Brennan Gorman? Is that correct? Hello?

15 MS. VOLLKOMMER: I am --

16 CHAIR STIDHAM: Could you turn on your
17 camera and introduce yourself? You may have come
18 in under Mr. Gorman.

19 MR. FOX: One moment. I'll promote this
20 person to be a panelist, and then I think they can
21 turn their camera on.

22 CHAIR STIDHAM: Great. It looks like we

1 do have Mr. -- Roddenbeck? Ronnebeck? Help me
2 pronounce your last name, sir. I'm sorry. Steve
3 Ronnebeck?

4 MS. VOLLKOMMER: Okay. I've come --
5 hello?

6 CHAIR STIDHAM: Yes. We see you. Can
7 you introduce yourself?

8 MS. VOLLKOMMER: Sure. For some reason,
9 I'm coming in as Brennan Gorman, but that is not
10 me. My name is actually Robi Vollkommer.

11 CHAIR STIDHAM: Great. Thank you.
12 Thank you. And you have three minutes. You can
13 go ahead.

14 MS. VOLLKOMMER: Okay. Thank you for
15 your time today. My story, unfortunately, is one
16 of many. On July 24th, 2011, in Wauconda, Illinois,
17 my brother was out riding his motorcycle with his
18 son when Vasquez hit him with his vehicle. My
19 nephew tried to revive my brother but sadly was
20 unsuccessful.

21 Vasquez was driving with over three times
22 the legal limit of alcohol in his bloodstream.

1 Vasquez was here illegally and had three prior DUIs.

2 He also injured two women in another vehicle.

3 Vasquez has served 13 years in jail and is now in
4 a transition house in Chicago with a roof over his
5 head, three square meals a day, and working all on
6 U.S. taxpayers' dime.

7 Like so many sanctuary cities, ICE cannot
8 deport him because he is still considered to be under
9 Illinois Department of Corrections' custody. I
10 don't understand why Governor Pritzker and Illinois
11 are allowing dangerous offenders to remain in the
12 system.

13 My brother wasn't just a statistic. He
14 was a son, a friend, and someone who loved riding
15 his motorcycle. He was everything to so many
16 people. He was a devoted husband, a loving father
17 and grandfather, a loyal brother, and the kind of
18 friend you could call at any hour.

19 As a Marine veteran, he carried himself
20 with strength, discipline, and quiet pride. As an
21 avid hunter and outdoorsman, he found joy in nature
22 and passed that love down to his family.

1 Nothing can bring back the lives lost to
2 tragedies like this, but we can choose to remember
3 them. Creating a permanent memorial to honor
4 victims and families affected by crimes like this
5 would serve as both a tribute and a reminder of the
6 consequences of dangerous and irresponsible relaxed
7 immigration policies.

8 I hope we can work toward policies that
9 prioritize public safety, ensure that serious
10 offenders face appropriate consequences, and honor
11 victims whose lives were taken far too soon. Thank
12 you.

13 CHAIR STIDHAM: Thank you very much. Are
14 there any questions from Commissioners?

15 Thank you very much for being here today.
16 We appreciate --

17 MS. VOLLKOMMER: Thank you for having me.

18 CHAIR STIDHAM: So last call for Chris
19 Odette. I don't see him on the participant list.

20 So why don't we move on to Mr. Steve Ronnebeck?

21 Sir, can you hear me, Mr. Ronnebeck? We can't hear
22 you. Sir, we can't hear you. Can you hear me?

1 We can't hear you.

2 Mr. Fox, do you think it's possible you
3 could give him a hand?

4 MR. FOX: It seems to be on his end. Yeah.

5 CHAIR STIDHAM: Okay.

6 MR. FOX: If he has a phone, he can use
7 the call-in method. I believe that Laurel has
8 worked with the presenting team to communicate the
9 phone number.

10 CHAIR STIDHAM: Okay.

11 MR. FOX: I think.

12 CHAIR STIDHAM: While he's giving that a
13 go, why don't we move on? I see Mr. Abraham is up,
14 and I think our --

15 MR. FOX: Yes.

16 CHAIR STIDHAM: -- last person is Joy
17 English.

18 MR. FOX: Yes. This was another name we
19 didn't see on the list.

20 MR. ABRAHAM: So I'm sorry. Should I --
21 am I holding, or --

22 CHAIR STIDHAM: Yes. Go ahead and

1 introduce yourself, and you have three minutes.

2 Thank you.

3 MR. ABRAHAM: Sure. I'm Joe Abraham. My
4 daughter was Katie Abraham. Operation Midway Blitz
5 was actually named for her. I'm a son of immigrants
6 from a third-world country myself, so immigration
7 is important to us. But thank you for the
8 opportunity to speak on the American Border Story
9 Memorial Act.

10 So I'm not here -- I'm not a policy expert.

11 I'm not a bureaucrat or legislator, just a parent.

12 My daughter was killed on January 19th, 2025, by
13 an illegal immigrant drunk driving. The man
14 responsible, Julio Cucul-Bol, had previously been
15 deported and then reentered this country using
16 aliases in 2022 during the reckless border policies
17 of Biden and Mayorkas.

18 That night, he was intoxicated. He
19 slammed into the vehicle my daughter was riding in
20 from behind at nearly 80 miles an hour. By the time
21 the first responders arrived, he had fled the scene.

22 So while emergency crews were working to

1 pry open the car to pull my daughter's lifeless body
2 out of the wreckage, the man responsible was already
3 on the run. He was captured two days later in Texas,
4 however, after Donald Trump took over on the 20th
5 and shut down the border. He was headed to Mexico.

6 He's a Guatemalan national using a Mexican alias.

7 So in that single moment, our family lost
8 a beautiful daughter, a sister, and she was a great
9 friend to many different friend groups. She had
10 dreams and a future just like anyone else, and it
11 should still be unfolding today. But it's not.

12 She loved the water. She loved music. She played
13 water polo, excelled in that and swimming. She
14 really embraced life and everything it had to offer.

15 But when these discussions happen in
16 Washington or with our political leaders, it's often
17 about statistics and policy debates. But behind
18 those policy debates and numbers are real people
19 like Katie and the families like mine who live
20 permanently shattered. We're parents who, along
21 with others, will never hear their child's voice
22 again. There's empty chairs at our dinner tables

1 never to be filled again.

2 So I think the American Border Story
3 Memorial ensures some of these stories are not
4 forgotten. It creates a place where the public can
5 see the human cost behind these tragedies and these
6 awful policies and where families know their loved
7 ones matter.

8 As a nation, we build memorials to honor
9 lives we've lost and remember difficult chapters
10 in our history. We do this because remembrance is
11 important. It matters. And remembering the
12 consequences of these awful, bad policies might help
13 us never to repeat them again.

14 So the memorial preserves some of these
15 stories, a reminder to future generations not to
16 forget why these people lost their lives on
17 self-interested politicians' policies. And
18 hopefully that would not occur again. Nothing is
19 going to bring back Katie, but the loss our family
20 carries will never go away. But I think honoring
21 their memories will mean that maybe these statistics
22 will be reduced.

1 So hopefully this H.R. 6643 will get
2 support, will be executed, and will stand as a
3 testament to not only the lives lost way too early
4 but the self-interested politicians that implement
5 tragic policies that have real consequences. I
6 know they love humanity in the abstract. They don't
7 really enjoy humanity in reality.

8 So hopefully we can get this done and
9 somehow figure out a way to get the wrong people
10 to do the right things. Thank you very much.

11 CHAIR STIDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Abraham.
12 Are there any questions for Mr. Abraham from
13 Commissioners?

14 Okay. Thank you very much for being here
15 today. We really appreciate you joining us.

16 MR. ABRAHAM: Thank you. Thank you for
17 having me. Thank you.

18 CHAIR STIDHAM: How are we doing with Mr.
19 Ronnebeck? We can't hear you.

20 MR. FOX: Let's see. Does your phone
21 number have an area code of 928? If you can hear
22 us, maybe give a thumbs-up. 928 area code?

1 CHAIR STIDHAM: Yep. That's him.

2 MR. FOX: Okay. One second. Okay. You
3 should -- your phone number has been admitted. We
4 just need to have you unmute your telephone.

5 MR. RONNEBECK: Can you hear me?

6 CHAIR STIDHAM: Yes.

7 MR. FOX: Yes.

8 MR. RONNEBECK: Okay. All right, guys.

9 My name is Steve Ronnebeck. January 22nd, 2015,
10 my son Grant was working the overnight shift at a
11 QuikTrip in Mesa, Arizona. At 3:49 in the morning,
12 a gentleman came in, wanted to buy cigarettes,
13 dumped a jar of change out on the counter. Grant
14 proceeded to start counting the change and evidently
15 wasn't counting it fast enough. So this man
16 produced a gun.

17 Grant did everything he was supposed to
18 do. He handed over the cigarettes. And as a result
19 of that, this man shot my son point-blank in the
20 face. He then stepped around the counter, stepped
21 over my son's body, grabbed two more packs of
22 cigarettes, stepped back over Grant, turned, and

1 started reaching in his right-hand pocket where the
2 gun was, and he was watching my son, making sure
3 he didn't move. And if he had moved, I'm sure that
4 the man would have shot him again.

5 You've heard a lot of stories today. And
6 you know, we miss our children. Our families miss
7 our children, our loved ones. As a whole, we miss
8 them. Sure, we have graves to go to. But there's
9 nothing to symbolize the decades-long crisis that's
10 been happening in our country. There's nothing to
11 say, hey, these are the people that suffered and
12 died over this.

13 The biggest thing that I'd like to see is
14 that people realize that every one of these deaths
15 at the hand of an illegal alien is preventable.
16 And even the future deaths at the hands of illegal
17 aliens -- they're preventable. Our loved ones
18 deserve to be remembered. They deserve to have
19 their names etched in history, at least in our minds.

20 And I'm hoping that you guys will
21 understand that, yes, we're angry at the system.
22 We're angry at what happened to our loved ones.

1 But at the same time, we're asking for your help
2 to give us some solitude and some solace in the fact
3 that they're going to live on. As long as our
4 country lives on, the names of our loved ones will
5 live on, and they will always be remembered. There
6 will always be a place for my great-grandchildren.

7 They'll see their -- Grant's name up on the wall
8 or in a monument.

9 I have family members that are former
10 military. I have family members that are former
11 law enforcement. My son deserved the recognition
12 and all of our loved ones deserve the recognition
13 of being victims of a tragic consequence of illegal
14 immigration. Thank you.

15 CHAIR STIDHAM: Sorry. I was on mute.
16 Thank you very much. Any questions from
17 Commissioners?

18 Thank you very much for being here today.
19 We really appreciate your time.

20 MR. RONNEBECK: Thank you so much for
21 letting me speak.

22 CHAIR STIDHAM: Absolutely. We have one

1 more person. Mr. Fox, if you see a Jennifer Bos.

2 MR. FOX: Yeah. She should be rejoining
3 as a panelist in a moment.

4 CHAIR STIDHAM: Okay. Great. Thank
5 you.

6 MR. FOX: Yeah, I've invited her to join
7 as a panelist, but I'm not seeing a response.

8 CHAIR STIDHAM: Okay.

9 MR. FOX: Maybe I'll allow her to talk and
10 then see if we can get her testimony that way.

11 CHAIR STIDHAM: Okay. Thank you.

12 MR. FOX: So she should be able to speak.
13 She is available.

14 CHAIR STIDHAM: Okay. Ms. Bos, can you
15 hear us? Ms. Jennifer Bos? Ms. Jennifer Bos?

16 Okay. Somehow, we don't have her.

17 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Rob, did you see in
18 the text we have a note from Mr. Gorman saying that
19 she got kicked off, can't get back in, and she'll
20 be calling in again?

21 CHAIR STIDHAM: Okay. Mr. Gorman, can
22 you give Mr. Fox her area code so he can pull her

1 in?

2 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Oh. He says it's
3 an eight -- Dan, you've got it, right?

4 MR. FOX: Yep.

5 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Okay.

6 MR. FOX: Yes. As soon as she gets into
7 the meeting, we can promote her.

8 CHAIR STIDHAM: Okay. Great.

9 MR. FOX: I'm not seeing her phone number.

10 CHAIR STIDHAM: I'm not seeing it either.
11 She may be having trouble getting back in.

12 MR. FOX: Ah, there we go.

13 CHAIR STIDHAM: Great.

14 MR. FOX: Okay. Ms. Bos, you've been
15 allowed to talk. You just need to unmute your
16 phone.

17 MS. BOS: Can you hear me now?

18 MR. FOX: Yes.

19 MS. BOS: Okay. I'm so sorry about that.

20 I don't know what happened. I was here for the
21 whole meeting, but I got kicked off. My name is
22 Jennifer Bos. Thank you for having me here today.

1 And my daughter, Megan, went missing in February
2 of 2025.

3 In April, her body was found inside a
4 bleach-filled garbage can in the backyard of an
5 illegal alien, Jose Mendoza-Gonzalez. He had also
6 destroyed her phone and any other evidence there
7 might have been. He was arrested, and despite
8 having hidden my daughter's body for 51 days with
9 no evidence or knowledge of how she died, he was
10 released in less than 24 hours to go back home.

11 This criminal illegal alien was given
12 grace and freedom by Illinois' cashless bail
13 policies, and he was protected from ICE by Illinois'
14 sanctuary policies. For Megan, Illinois gave our
15 family silence. Meanwhile, Governor Pritzker
16 smiled at us as he created one policy after another
17 that made the ICE officers' ability to remove these
18 dangerous criminals nearly impossible.

19 Thankfully, in July, President Trump, DHS, and
20 several members of Congress stepped in and made it
21 right by having this evil man arrested by ICE.

22 Angel Families fight daily to be heard,

1 our warnings falling mostly on deaf ears. Even at
2 the federal level, our tragedies are barely
3 acknowledged unless we travel to Washington and
4 stand directly in front of members of Congress.
5 The daily conversations about the border or
6 immigration enforcement typically argue
7 statistics, budgets, and they're full of partisan
8 politics.

9 In families like ours, those statistics
10 are real people, individuals that we love and lost
11 to criminal illegal aliens and illicit fentanyl that
12 never should have crossed our border. Our budgets
13 are depleted after having paid the ultimate price
14 for a border left unsecured.

15 Criminal illegal aliens don't care about
16 politics. They can come for any one of you or your
17 loved ones, regardless of how you vote. I want our
18 country to be protected, and I want dangerous
19 individuals who enter unlawfully to be removed
20 before they can harm anyone. And I want the flow
21 of fentanyl stopped at its source.

22 And that's why this memorial matters so

1 deeply to me. It will serve as a permanent reminder
2 of the silent war being waged taking American lives,
3 and it will be a warning for generations to come
4 that unsecure borders have resulted in real human
5 consequences, each and every victim a preventable
6 tragedy.

7 The American Border Story Memorial will
8 be a place where the ugly truth is acknowledged,
9 evidence that won't be ignored. It will be where
10 the pain we carry is not dismissed and where the
11 sons and daughters and mothers and fathers who have
12 paid with their lives are honored with the dignity
13 that they've been denied. May each of their souls
14 be at rest and their names remembered forever.
15 Thank you so much.

16 MS. HAMMIG: Thank you, Ms. Bos, for your
17 testimony. Our Chair's power has gone out, so she
18 will be rejoining momentarily. So while we wait,
19 I offer this -- those were the -- all of the folks
20 that had signed up to testify in advance of today's
21 meeting. So this is the last call for anyone who
22 wishes to testify on this agenda item there.

1 MR. FOX: Otherwise, I think we can thank
2 Ms. Bos for her testimony, and we can let her go,
3 unless she has any other -- unless there are any
4 questions.

5 MS. BOS: No. I do apologize, though, for
6 the holdup. Thank you so much.

7 MR. FOX: No problem. Thank you for
8 joining.

9 CHAIR STIDHAM: Thank you. I think I'm
10 back on. Sorry. The power -- the internet went
11 down, and I was gone. So apologize to our last
12 panelist in missing her testimony.

13 I think, with that, that was our last
14 speaker. So, again, the bill before us is H.R. 6643
15 to authorize a commemorative work in D.C. and its
16 environs to honor United States citizens and legal
17 residents who lost their lives and victims of crime
18 committed by individuals unlawfully present in the
19 United States.

20 In your packet, you should have the bill
21 analysis. And as a reminder, our responsibility
22 is to evaluate the legislation before us in its

1 alignment with the Commemorative Works Act and that
2 the bill does provide -- does have a standard CWA
3 provision which includes that Section 2(a) grants
4 statutory authority for the memorial designating
5 a sponsor organization responsible for planning and
6 fundraising.

7 And so this piece is one of the
8 consistencies I want to point out related to most
9 CWA authorizations which identify a nonprofit
10 sponsor that would be responsible for the project's
11 execution if the authorization is to be granted.

12 The bill also requires that the project
13 comply with the CWA, including reviews and approvals
14 by this body, the Commission of Fine Arts, and the
15 National Capital Planning Commission. The bill
16 does not specify an individual site or area, so the
17 project will be subject to standard site
18 restrictions and review processes.

19 And then Section 2(c) of the bill prohibits
20 use of federal funds for the memorial, which also
21 aligns with Commemorative Works Act. So those are
22 some ways in which this bill, as currently written,

1 applies.

2 The other area for discussion is, does the
3 subject matter meet the criteria for
4 memorialization within the CWA? Section 2(b)
5 waives the CWA provision from waiting to commemorate
6 an individual or event. So it removes the 25-year
7 time period.

8 And with that, I will open it up for
9 discussion related to the alignment with the
10 Commemorative Works Act and the event itself.

11 Commissioner Williams?

12 COMMISSIONER TUNSTALL WILLIAMS: How does
13 the 25-year work when there's something that -- this
14 is ongoing, right, where there are obviously victims
15 of this type of crime predating 25 years, but they
16 -- you know, all the people that spoke today are
17 obviously inside of that 25-year timeline.

18 CHAIR STIDHAM: The bill waives that
19 criteria, and we have seen this before on global
20 war on terrorism where it waived the 25-year time
21 frame, and -- which is because that is an ongoing
22 event, which -- this is very similar to that.

1 COMMISSIONER TUNSTALL WILLIAMS: Okay.

2 Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Was that the same
4 approach where -- was that the same for fallen
5 journalists?

6 CHAIR STIDHAM: I don't believe so.

7 Ms. Hammig, can you speak to that? I don't
8 think it waived -- I don't think that legislation
9 waived it, but let's pull that up and we'll circle
10 back, Commissioner Sullivan.

11 Commissioner Luebke?

12 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Yeah, I'm confused
13 between what's proposed and what's in the law. What
14 I had sort of understood from the Act was that the
15 Commemorative Works Act was intended to allow
16 memorials for -- does the language say major wars,
17 which can do it within ten years, or these other
18 -- an individual or an event or a group of people
19 or something like that, that that's where the
20 25-year thing applies? Or am I --

21 CHAIR STIDHAM: So there is a section
22 related to military commemorative works --

1 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Yeah.

2 CHAIR STIDHAM: -- which states that it
3 may be authorized only -- let's see. A military
4 commemorative work may be authorized only to
5 commemorate a war or similar major military conflict
6 or branch of the armed forces.

7 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Right.

8 CHAIR STIDHAM: A commemorative work
9 solely commemorating a limited military engagement
10 or a unit of armed forces may not be authorized.

11 Commemorative works to a war or similar major
12 military conflict may not be authorized until at
13 least ten years after the officially designated
14 event --

15 (Simultaneous speaking.)

16 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Yeah. You don't
17 have to read all of it. I just wanted to make sure
18 that we're not construing this in any way as a major
19 war or a major military thing. So --

20 (Simultaneous speaking.)

21 CHAIR STIDHAM: The 25 years --

22 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: I'm just trying to

1 understand the category. It commemorates a group
2 of people, I think, with -- and so then you have
3 this problem with the 25-year rule and also the
4 ongoing nature of it.

5 I'm just trying to -- where would it fit
6 into the Commemorative Works Act as a thing that
7 could be commemorated, even? And we understand,
8 by the way, everybody's testimony is very moving,
9 and it's a ghastly sort of situation about
10 everybody's personal loss and suffering.

11 But I'm just trying to understand, how do
12 we interpret this in relation to the law? I don't
13 understand what category it fits into exactly.

14 CHAIR STIDHAM: I agree it does not fall
15 into a military commemorative work. But the 25
16 years comes into play when we're talking about
17 commemorating a person or event, a nonmilitary
18 person or event.

19 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Okay.

20 CHAIR STIDHAM: That's where the 25 years
21 -- the anniversary of the event or the death of the
22 individual or the death of the last surviving member

1 of the group is the 25.

2 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: But just to
3 clarify, then, the question is it would require a
4 waiver because this is a group that -- presumably,
5 this is within 25 years, most of them, and
6 unfortunately will probably continue as we go along
7 until something else happens, you know, it seems.

8 CHAIR STIDHAM: Right.

9 (Simultaneous speaking.)

10 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: So that's the issue
11 that would have to be resolved, correct?

12 CHAIR STIDHAM: Right. Correct. It's
13 commemorating those that have lost their lives as
14 victims of crimes committed by individuals that are
15 unlawfully --

16 COMMISSIONER LUEBKE: Right. Okay.
17 Thank you.

18 CHAIR STIDHAM: You're welcome. And,
19 Commissioner Sullivan, fallen journalists didn't
20 waive the 25-year, but the situation is similar in
21 that it's ongoing.

22 Commissioner Fountain?

1 COMMISSIONER FOUNTAIN: Excuse me. So
2 it's never entirely clear to me what our role is
3 in advising Congress as to whether an individual
4 or group of individuals or event ought to be
5 commemorated or whether our views are limited to
6 compliance with the Act.

7 The Act does say that Congress shall
8 solicit the views of this Commission, period. It
9 does not specify what views we ought or ought not
10 to offer. Certainly, the -- so I have some
11 perspectives I'd like to provide.

12 Certainly, the question of whether to
13 honor a group or individual is ultimately up to our
14 elected representatives in Congress, as it should
15 be. This Commission does have a broader
16 perspective and context on memorials in Washington
17 generally. So I think there are observations that
18 we can usually provide Congress as they make those
19 decisions.

20 And this is a different kind of memorial
21 for us, or relatively unusual in the context of
22 memorials in Washington. I think, far and away,

1 the two largest categories of memorials we have in
2 the nation's capital are memorials to people who
3 are distinguished by their service or
4 accomplishments, and then the second category would
5 be to those who -- to the war dead, those who lost
6 their lives in war on behalf of the country, those
7 who served in war -- in short, those who put
8 themselves in harm's way in service of their
9 country.

10 I think Mr. Varfolomeev had mentioned the
11 National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. That
12 would fall in the same category, as our law
13 enforcement and other first responders do put
14 themselves in harm's way in service of the nation
15 and their community.

16 And my initial thought in thinking about
17 this memorial is, well, gee, we don't tend to
18 commemorate victims of crimes of whatever category.

19 Commissioner Luebke had mentioned earlier that war
20 memorials used to be done at the local level, not
21 the national level. Certainly, that's true of
22 commemorations of victims of crime. They are

1 memorialized personally at the family level, at the
2 community level. But we haven't really thought of
3 those sorts of memorials at the national level.

4 I did think about the 9/11 Memorial at the
5 Pentagon, and those individuals are certainly
6 victims of a horrific crime. And in a way, they
7 were victims of an attack on our nation. And one
8 can debate, I think, whether that was parallel to
9 victims of crimes by illegal aliens.

10 And then I remember that we have memorials
11 to the victims of communism, to the Armenian
12 genocide, to the Ukrainian famine. Those are all
13 memorials to victims of crime internationally, of
14 course, with a very strong political overlay to
15 those episodes. But we do have victims -- we do
16 have memorials to victims of crime in the nation's
17 capital in some ways or another.

18 There are obviously victims of crime
19 beyond those committed by illegal aliens. U.S.
20 citizens commit crimes equally horrific to those
21 we've heard testimony on today. Legal residents
22 from foreign countries commit crimes. It's not our

1 place, I think, to determine for Congress what
2 categories of victims of crime ought to be
3 commemorated. Ultimately, that's for Congress to
4 make a judgment on. And that's their call.

5 And I'm sorry. I meant to lead off my
6 comments with this. And I don't know who's still
7 on the phone, but to Ms. Gibboney, Ms. Mendoza, Mr.
8 Varfolomeev, Ms. Schermock, Ms. Vollkommer, Mr.
9 Abraham, Mr. Ronnebeck, Ms. Bos, I want to thank
10 you for your personal testimonies today.

11 I work for a federal agency that
12 commemorates the war dead. A number of you spoke
13 in terms of these are people, not statistics. My
14 agency believes very strongly in telling individual
15 stories and remembering individual names. And so
16 I appreciate your testimonies, and I could tell in
17 some of your voices that it remains painful to tell
18 those stories again. And so appreciate you being
19 here today.

20 This is obviously a somewhat -- not
21 somewhat. This is obviously a politically fraught
22 proposal, and again, that is left to our elected

1 representatives, not for us at the end of the day.

2 But I just wanted to provide some thoughts on the
3 larger context of memorials in Washington for
4 Congress to consider as they take up this
5 legislation. Thank you.

6 CHAIR STIDHAM: Thank you, Commissioner
7 Fountain. We can definitely highlight that in our
8 response related to the review of this legislation.

9 And you speak to the theme, but also just to
10 reiterate, our role is really to look at the
11 alignment, right, to the Commemorative Works Act
12 and to ensure that what is being proposed,
13 regardless of what it is representing, is consistent
14 with that Act and the requirements and criteria
15 associated with that.

16 So I think, if there are things that we
17 want to really highlight or propose or suggest
18 related to that responsibility to provide back to
19 Congress as they consider this further, that is most
20 appropriate here. But the context is truly
21 important as well.

22 So there are a lot of ways that this bill

1 is complying with the Act. I think the -- and it
2 is waiving the one place where it would not comply
3 on its own, and that is the waiver related to the
4 waiting period, that 25-year waiting period
5 associated with the commemoration of any particular
6 event or person.

7 Is there any discussion related to that
8 waiver of that portion of the Act's
9 responsibilities?

10 Is it safe to say that this Commission
11 would be supportive of this piece of legislation
12 moving forward without any additional feedback?
13 Or that we do not oppose is also an option. I need
14 some direction.

15 COMMISSIONER TUNSTALL WILLIAMS: I would
16 say do not oppose. I mean, it's a hard thing, as
17 Commissioner Fountain sort of reiterated, finding
18 the right place for this because the victims are
19 so broadly impacted across the country. And it is
20 kind of a very political issue -- not the sort of
21 unintended deaths, which are unspeakably sad.

22 And so, again, I echo Commissioner

1 Fountain's comments to the families. You know,
2 thank you for your time and your dedication to this.

3 I just -- I don't really know what the bounds of
4 the Commission are, given -- thinking about whether
5 this goes in the District or somewhere else. I
6 don't know.

7 And so I would ask the Commission to say
8 we're not opposed and defer to Congress, maybe, to
9 provide us that direction.

10 CHAIR STIDHAM: Well, the bill as it's
11 currently written -- the site selection process
12 would remain. So if this memorial is authorized,
13 that would be the first step. The sponsor would
14 have to take it through site selection with this
15 body and CPC and CFA -- as a typical process.

16 So I don't -- at least coming from where
17 I sit, I don't think we want to press Congress to
18 site a location, but to allow that site selection
19 process to move forward as it was intended to do.

20 COMMISSIONER TUNSTALL WILLIAMS: Okay.
21 This is the first one that I've been involved in
22 where it's from the initial Act. So I defer to the

1 other Commissioners who have a little bit more
2 history with how that usually evolves.

3 CHAIR STIDHAM: So I would propose that
4 we could highlight the areas that it is in concert
5 with the Commemorative Works Act and state that we
6 do not oppose the sponsors, the bill sponsors,
7 moving this piece of legislation forward if that
8 is agreeable to the group.

9 Does anyone disagree with that approach?
10 Okay. All right, then. We will draft up the
11 letter for you all to review. And if anything else
12 comes to mind, we can discuss it at that time. Thank
13 you. Thank you for that.

14 So just the final pieces of our agenda
15 items, we have a number of currently authorized
16 memorials that are making their way through the
17 various stages of the process and development. Ms.
18 Hammig is here to highlight pieces of note on other
19 existing authorized memorials. And as you know,
20 there are a number that are -- I just said that.

21 So I'll pass to Laurel, please.

22 MS. HAMMIG: Thank you, Chair Stidham.

1 Good afternoon, Commissioners. I will
2 highlight a couple of pieces of the memorials
3 report. You have the full report in your packet,
4 and it's also posted on our PEPC site.

5 So the EMS Memorial and Adams Family
6 Memorial's authorizations expired in late 2025.
7 Both of those groups have bills before Congress to
8 extend their authorizations. The National Service
9 Animals Memorial is in the site selection process
10 working with their consultant team on that.

11 The Global War on Terrorism Memorial is
12 beginning their concept design process. And the
13 Fallen Journalists Memorial is going through their
14 design refinements right now. Texas Legation
15 Memorial and the Peace Corps Commemorative Parks
16 are in the final stages. They have their final
17 Commission approvals and so working through their
18 technical NPS approvals and final financial
19 certification.

20 And then, finally, the Desert Shield and
21 Desert Storm Memorial is under construction and on
22 track for a fall 2026 opening. So those were the

1 pieces I wanted to highlight. Happy to take any
2 questions if anyone has any.

3 CHAIR STIDHAM: Thank you, Ms. Hammig,
4 very much.

5 So with that, there is no other business
6 before this Commission. As a reminder, we have a
7 30-day comment period for the public. So once that
8 30 days from today has passed, we will submit those
9 letters to you for your review and then send them
10 up to meeting -- or to any of the members of Congress
11 that sponsored them.

12 To those who are listening, if you have
13 any comments, please let us know. You can email
14 Ms. Hammig or myself with your comments, and we will
15 include them in this Commission's review of the four
16 pieces.

17 Thank you today for everyone who came to
18 testify. We greatly appreciate your time. And
19 best wishes to you, and we are so very sorry for
20 your losses.

21 To Commissioners, thank you very much for
22 your time today and your careful review of these

1 pieces of legislation.

2 Be safe as this crazy weather continues
3 today and later this evening. And thank you very
4 much. And with that, we are done.

5 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
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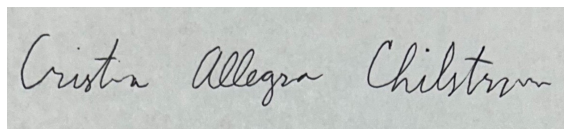
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