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Dear Mr. Vogel:

In its meeting of 21 May, the Commission of Fine Arts reviewed the final design submission for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Center, to be located in West Potomac Park along Henry Bacon Drive. The Commission approved the proposal with the following comments.

The Commission members expressed appreciation for the careful attention to design details throughout the lengthy development of the project, as well as for the thorough presentation. They commented that the elimination of the retaining wall beside the entrance is an improvement that simplifies the design and lessens the visual similarity with the actual memorial. They supported the proposed design for consistent, even slopes generally in the areas of turf surrounding the center's entrance area.

The Commission of Fine Arts congratulates the project team for its perseverance and responsiveness over many years in creating this important public facility to enhance the experience of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. As always, the staff is available to assist you with future submissions.

Sincerely,



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