

Re: [EXTERNAL] Thank You!**Cory Crowley** <ccrowley@mohmuseum.org>

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Good Morning, Everyone.

Please see below for my remarks. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you again for this opportunity.

Cory

Good morning and thank you for the opportunity to join you this morning as you consider the proposed National Medal of Honor Monument.

This Monument is part of a long overdue project to recognize some of our country's greatest heroes and to inspire future generations with their legacies of courage and the shared values which underpin the Medal of Honor.

The full project is comprised of a national Museum currently under construction in Arlington, Texas – just outside Dallas as well as the National Medal of Honor Institute which began programing last Spring for current leaders of industry and public sector and also launched our first curriculum for young people this academic year which is now available in 29,000 schools nationwide. The portion we are discussing today is a modest monument to represent the ideals of the Medal of Honor in our Nation's Capital.

The Medal of Honor is our country's highest recognition for valor in combat. But it is more than that. It is a reminder to us all of what ordinary people can accomplish when faced with challenge. We are all born with limitless courage and because of it we all have the potential be extraordinary. Our hope is for this monument to be a beacon pointing us all to be heroes, not necessarily in uniform, but in our own walks of life – our families, schools, and our communities.

We are often asked how, in the 160th year since Lincoln created the Medal, it is possible this doesn't already exist. The only answer we've come up with is that America needs it now more than ever. This is a unifying national endeavor.

In the four year since we launched this project, we've seen it bring together members from across the political divide as the U.S. House voted 416-0 to authorize this commemorative work and the U.S. Senate then gave their unanimous consent. We have also seen it bring together corporate competitors and generous Americans from across the country who to-date have contributed more than \$240 million to combined elements of this historic effort.

The 3,517 individuals who have received the Medal of Honor are humble individuals who will tell you they were just doing their job. Most believe they don't deserve the Medal but will tell you they proudly wear it for all those they served alongside – particularly those who never came home.

Similar to their disposition, we hope to construct a monument in Washington, D.C. which matches their humility and yet still provides a significant reminder to all who visit of the aspirational ideals represented by the Medal which make our country better each day.

The same values which strengthened Lincoln are what motivate those who continue his work of protecting and defending the republic today and they are the same values which exist in the hearts of each of us for whom they

risk all to preserve the union.

We look forward to continuing to work in close collaboration with you to further tell America's story and celebrate our common bonds on the National Mall.

Thank you for your consideration.



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It is virtual- Mike will send you an invite. It is Wednesday starting at 1 with your bill going first.

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No problem. I will have the remarks for you first thing in the morning.

Is the meeting in person or virtual? Either one is fine with me.

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Yes- that is soon enough. Thank you so much and our apologies for the late request.

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Ok. Is tomorrow morning soon enough? If not, I can probably have it to you in the next couple of hours. Cory



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Great- adding Mike McGraw so he can help coordinate your attendance. We would need your testimony as soon as possible.

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Great. I am happy to do so. Thank you for the opportunity.

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Yes- I think that would be really good if you could

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Tammy,

No problem at all. I know Representative Moore is planning to testify on our bill. Would you like one of us in addition to him? We are happy to do so if helpful.

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Cory-

I wanted to reach out because we may have missed a step in preparation for the upcoming NCMAC meeting this Wednesday October 4th where review of your bill is occurring. Would you and/or Will want to testify on behalf of your bill? I think we may have missed asking you.

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Good Morning, Tammy and Laurel.

Thank you both so much for your time on Wednesday morning! Will and I really enjoyed meeting you and we sincerely appreciate your advice and guidance as we continue to navigate the process of establishing a monument/memorial in DC.

Please feel free to reach out any time if you have questions for us. We will do the same because, like you, we absolutely want to keep the process as collaborative as possible.

Thanks again!

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