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Mrs. Helen Scharf  
Chairman  
National Capital Planning Commission  
1325 G Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20576

Dear Madame Chairman:

On behalf of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF), we are submitting under separate cover three (3) option site plans for the location of the sculpture and flag staff additions to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

We have reviewed and approved all three of these proposed options. We would appreciate the Commission's review of these design refinements at your earliest convenience.

As you may be aware, we strongly endorsed the original submission by VVMF in testimony before the Commission of Fine Arts on October 13, 1982. This original submission is included in the three options being forwarded for your Commission's consideration. This so-called Bailey option for placement of the statue and flag staff fully meets the commitment we made to reach a compromise on this issue. We believe that this option truly honors all those who served their Nation in the Vietnam War. We respectfully request that the Commission consider the heartfelt views of Vietnam veterans when reviewing the aesthetic and architectural concerns over placement of these elements at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Thank you for your and the Commission's continued cooperation and interest in this extremely important matter.

Sincerely,

  
SECRETARY