



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

SEP 08 2022

The Honorable Joe Manchin III
Chairman, Committee on Energy
and Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Public Law 116–253, enacted on December 23, 2020, authorized the Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation (Foundation) to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia to commemorate America’s commitment to a free press by honoring journalists who sacrificed their lives in service to that cause, in accordance with the provisions of the Commemorative Works Act (CWA), 40 U.S.C. § 8901 et seq.

The Foundation has requested the authority to consider potential memorial locations in Area I, which comprises the central monumental core of the District of Columbia and its environs as defined in the CWA, 40 U.S.C. § 8908(a), and depicted on the map entitled “Commemorative Areas Washington, DC and Environs,” numbered 869/86501 B, and dated June 24, 2003. The CWA, 40 U.S.C. § 8908(b)(1), provides that the Secretary of the Interior, after consultation with the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission (Commission), may recommend locating a commemorative work in Area I only if the Secretary determines that the subject of the memorial is of preeminent historical and lasting significance to the Nation. If a determination of preeminence and lasting significance is made, this section further provides that the Secretary shall notify Congress and recommend that the memorial be located in Area I.

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I have considered this advice and find the subject to be of preeminent historical and lasting significance to the Nation, as required for Area I authorization under the CWA provisions. The Foundation should be granted the authority to consider appropriately sized locations within Area I as potential sites for the Fallen Journalists Memorial. The Foundation should carefully consider the program and scale of the memorial when considering potential sites and should recognize that Area I is most appropriate for new memorials of modest scale. Moreover, Area II may also offer sites worthy of consideration, particularly for more expansive memorial designs.

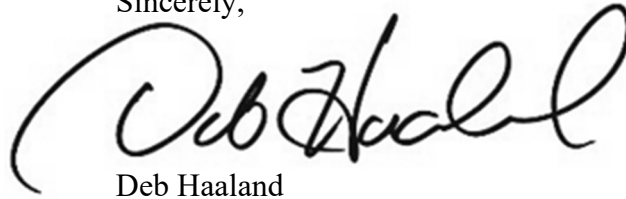
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disapproved unless, not later than 150 days after this notification, the recommendation is approved by law.

Enclosed is a draft of a joint resolution to authorize location of this memorial in Area I. We recommend that it be referred to the appropriate Committee for consideration.

Similar letters are being sent to the Chair and Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and to the Chair and Ranking Member of the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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Ranking Member, Committee on Energy
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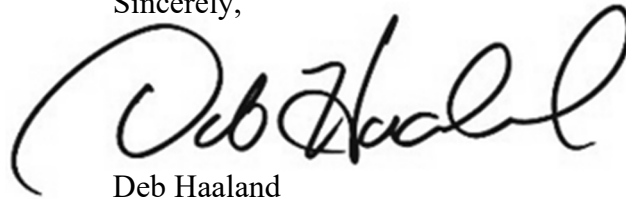
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Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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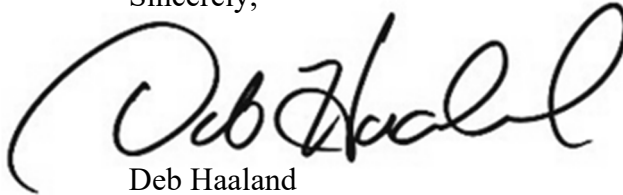
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