

Public Comments for New Monumental Arch

Total comments: 16

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Name: Kathleen Davis

Date: July 2, 2026 10:43:57 pm

This atrocious monument is an unnecessary obstruction in Washington. It is another waste of taxpayer money. The funds should be spent on health care, housing, education, social services and the list can go on.
Do not build this monument.

Name: Diana Plummer

Date: July 2, 2026 8:17:39 pm

I am totally against this project and tax money spent on this project. Please do not go ahead with this atrocity.

Name: Christine Hamilton

Date: July 2, 2026 8:10:08 pm

I implore you to not allow the building of the arch in the proposed property. We need to protect the integrity of Arlington Cemetery and the intentional view of Lincoln Memorial. Lincoln Memorial should not be overshadowed.

Name: Marta Herbranson

Date: July 2, 2026 7:54:21 pm

Oh for heavens sake (Trump), Please don't build your arch. Especially so close to a number of existing memorials. Do you seriously think you rate up there with Washington, Vietnam vets, Lincoln and more? You are way far below them. And it's pretentious to start this stuff. Shame on you. I will be so glad once you are out of office.

Name: AJ cho

Date: July 2, 2026 7:42:54 pm

The Arc de trump is a waste of our collective time, money, energy, and attention. We the People do not all want to celebrate a vitriolic, petulant, and pugilistic narcissist with Napoleonic delusions of grandeur and importance. Cancel this project and reject all projects initiated by trump or his regime.

Name: Diane Jadowski

Date: July 2, 2026 6:58:01 pm

As an American taxpayer and admirer of our Federal monuments I believe this arch is totally unacceptable. It is too big, in the wrong location, too expensive, does not refer to a specific moment in history and a waste of taxpayers money.

Name: Chris Frey

Date: July 2, 2026 5:43:47 pm

This supplemental comment is intended to complement my June 27, 2026 submission regarding NCPC File No. 8778 and focuses on an additional issue: the compatibility of observation-oriented visitor uses with the ongoing funeral, memorial, and family visitation functions of Arlington National Cemetery.

The detailed comments are in the attached PDF.

The proposed Arch is not simply a monument. It includes an observation deck, public plaza, exhibits, elevators, and other visitor-oriented facilities designed to attract prolonged occupancy and sightseeing activity. These are characteristics of a visitor destination rather than a ceremonial gateway.

Arlington National Cemetery is an active cemetery where families gather daily for funerals, memorial services, remembrance, and private reflection. The record does not appear to evaluate whether elevated public observation of an active national cemetery is compatible with the dignity, privacy expectations, and ceremonial functions associated with funeral operations and family visitation.

Based in part on my family's experience with a funeral service at Arlington National Cemetery, I believe the Commission should evaluate whether observation-oriented visitor activity, including use of the proposed observation deck, is compatible with the cemetery's memorial character and operational functions. Similar concerns apply to routine visitation throughout the cemetery, including areas such as Section 60 where families continue to mourn and remember loved ones.

More broadly, Arlington National Cemetery is a place where visitors participate in remembrance. The proposed Arch would introduce facilities whose purpose is observation. I respectfully request that the Commission evaluate funeral operations, family visitation, memorial use, and observation-oriented visitor activity as distinct compatibility issues before taking action on the proposal.

Please see the attached PDF for the full comment.

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Name: Bradley Brown
Date: July 2, 2026 5:35:42 pm

This is a totally unnecessary project that will overshadow Arlington and the National Mall. At a time we are all struggling with this economy this project tells us our government is seriously out of touch with its citizens. It is unwanted and will be an eyesore to most of America. The cost could be better spent on some of the agencies and services DOGE gutted, most of them serving the most needy among us.

Name: Coalition to Protect America's National Parks
Date: July 2, 2026 5:04:27 pm

Please see attached comment letter from the Coalition to Protect America's National Parks.

[Attachment](#)

Name: Kathleen Maloney
Date: July 2, 2026 4:55:55 pm

Members,
The proposed arch is positioned to disrupt not only the views (carefully planned and executed) but the sanctity of the most sacred space our nation holds dear. Please seriously reconsider this project and reject it outright.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Maloney

Name: Sharon O'Neal

Date: July 2, 2026 4:46:47 pm

2026-July 2 Comments on "Monumental Arch" to be built in Washington, DC

TO: National Capital Planning Commission

FROM: Sharon O'Neal, Lincoln, NE

RE: Proposal for Monumental Arch in Washington, DC

I urge members of the Commission to vote AGAINST the building of this bloated, unnecessary, poorly designed, costly Monumental Arch.

The Public is Opposed Pay attention to the public's dislike of the "Monumental Arch", and submit it for approval to Congress, the people's representatives for a vote and monetary appropriations. In recent polls, over half of Americans are opposed to this project. Even military veterans oppose the project's location near Arlington Cemetery.

It is Unlawful No Congressional approval for its construction or for the appropriation of funds has been solicited, nor is it planned. Just because this idea was "considered" over 100 years ago does not give the president the authority to avoid Congressional approval. Since when are the PEOPLE not represented in major decisions about OUR taxpayer dollars? Trump is not the unilateral spender-in-chief, Congress is. This is unlawful.

It is Too Costly Any cost is too great when Americans need more economic relief, not another 250-foot pillar. We have already been deceived about the millions in public money that is being spent on the vastly inflated White House ballroom—when we were given false information about the actual cost and that it would be paid for by donations. We do not need to spend precious taxpayers dollars on one man's monument.

The Purpose is Vague and Unnecessary The inferred benefit of this monument—happy 250th anniversary—is not needed when compared to other higher-priority national needs. Our anniversary year will be well over by the time this is completed.

The Structure is Too Tall and Bulky Looking The height and scale will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House; and destroy the carefully planned, long-view vistas among the monuments. We do not need to have the tallest arch in the world. We are already one of the foremost countries in the world, we do not need to prove it.

The Gold Statues are Gaudy The 68-foot gold sculpture on its top, and gold eagles are out of character with other all-white monuments in the District, and especially with the all white, plain headstones of Arlington National Cemetery.

Its Materials do Not Match other Monuments Its building materials are not stone, such as marble and limestone, which has been used on other memorials.

It Will be a Hazard During and After Construction Large cranes—some as high as 320 feet will be required, causing years-long obstructions in the flight path of Reagan National Airport. Even after it's completed, red lights on the top will be required, making the monument's appearance unattractive.

[Attachment](#)

Name: Gary Langston

Date: July 2, 2026 4:44:28 pm

Please see attached, thank you!

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Name: Elissa Plylar

Date: July 2, 2026 3:40:34 pm

This arch intended by POTUS to celebrate HIMSELF is a disgrace. Our tax dollars and our national public spaces are not the place for his self promotion. The planned placement is also a very bad idea...it will take away from the solitude and peaceful contemplation that space is supposed to have at our national cemetery. Please stop this craziness; at the very least make sure it is not placed in public spaces that are supposed to honor our war heroes. This makes me so disgusted. Thank you for listening to another American who cannot believe what this crazy man has done to undermine our Democracy and our great country.

Name: Pete Williams

Date: July 2, 2026 1:54:02 pm

Trump will soon be long gone! The arch would be there for hundreds of years! Do not allow this useless monstrosity to forever desecrate the view of Arlington National Cemetery!

Name: Elizabeth West

Date: July 2, 2026 1:42:03 pm

That a sitting president would build a monument to honor himself is beyond belief. Our monuments, many of which have been in place for many decades if not hundreds of years, were designed and erected to honor the service and accomplishments of important men and women who have made lasting contributions to our history. Donald Trump is not among them. To the contrary, his destruction and disruption of our systems of government, the White House and our standing in the world cannot be honored or memorialized in any way. The years it will take to recover by his regime will be more than enough of a reminder of him.

Name: Susan Hull

Date: July 2, 2026 1:31:03 pm

Please do not allow the building of this New Monumental Arch.

My husband and I took our sons to the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery after touring many battlefields and Gettysburg one summer. I grew up in the South. My husband grew up in California. We raised our boys in Missouri, however they were born in Virginia.

My point being, I could explain the true depth and horror and pain families went through and were still going through up until the 1965 laws passed to bring equality and justice to black peoples. Lincoln and Arlington Cemetery represent the price we paid and must NOT pay again.

Trump's Arch hides this. Disfigures this. Mocks this. We must not let this happen. Please do not let this happen.

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Name: Janetha Beck

Date: July 3, 2026 12:34:30 am

The vista from the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House communicates the magnitude of the Civil War, the obligation its unimaginable cost imposes on all Americans, and the aspiration of a post-Civil War reconciliation in a new birth of freedom. It is one of America's most sacred landscapes.

The proposed Monumental Arch is of a scale, location, and design that will disrupt this important visual and symbolic vista. In addition, the Arch will dwarf the Lincoln Memorial and disrupt the long, open, and uninterrupted view, overwhelming the entry to Arlington National Cemetery, the hallowed resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families and a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice, selfless service, and national unity, all within sight of the monumental core of the Nation's Capital.

Our capital city is a planned city, designed to provide a harmonious vista, each building to coordinate and complement every other building. This Monumental Arch is not designed this way. It is intended to overwhelm and overpower every other building. It would be a blight and an eyesore on the beautiful city of Washington. Furthermore, it would completely disrupt the view from the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington National Cemetery.

I strongly urge you not to allow this Arch to be built. It would cause incalculable damage to the lovely, planned city of Washington.

Thank you.

Name: Richard Marchetti

Date: July 3, 2026 7:57:55 am

Please do not build any monument to a draft dodging, convicted felon, and tax fraud.

Name: Desiree Scott

Date: July 3, 2026 7:59:47 am

I am a friend of the writer of the detailed comment below and I could not have said it better than him. I second what he says below.

"I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed monumental arch in Memorial Circle located between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery, the former home of Robert E. Lee. I believe that the visual connection between these two historic sites is more important than either of the sites themselves. This connection allows visitors from either location to look across the Potomac River and consider the issues that bind Americans together and the issues that tear us apart. Locating this massive arch (which is significantly taller than all but four buildings in DC and represents a threat to air traffic) anywhere in DC is an affront to the City, but locating the arch at the proposed site is an affront to the Nation, particularly coming from the most divisive president in US history. Washington DC belongs to all Americans. This should be a city where we all feel welcome but where we can all sit with and deeply consider the full spectrum of our history - both the good and the bad. This American experiment is far from over and the truly great monuments are not just about aesthetics, rather they inspire us to be better tomorrow.

I am a practicing architect and historic preservation professional, trained in the classical tradition. The hasty design of this monument deviates significantly from the classical tradition and it will not stand the test of time. We do need to consider the history and symbolism of monumental arches as an expression of dominance and conquest - it is one of winners and losers. That distinction may be productive for politics, but it is not productive for our nation. It is nothing short of remarkable that the US is celebrating its 250th birthday. We have come close to dissolution before and we will likely do

so again. Let us take this opportunity, our 250th birthday, as a moment to come together, not as a celebration of conquest, but as a celebration of all of our differences as well as the ties that bind us together. We should be engaging with Americans all across the lands to discuss how to commemorate our successes and our failures, and how such commemoration can inspire us to do better. Spoiling the connection between the memorial to one of our greatest presidents and the home of a leader who tried to bring it all down is not the way. Papering over a critical perspective on the Civil War with a cheap imitation of classical architecture is not the way. I am not sure of what the way is, but that is not for me to decide, and it is not for a single president to decide. It is for all of us to decide. Let's not rush this through. Let's get this right.”

Name: Maryanne Berry
Date: July 3, 2026 8:39:45 am

Please listen to the experts and not partisan voices and say no to this arch. After the recent debacle that was the Reflecting Pool it is in the best interest of all that this hastily planned vanity project not go forward. It does not “reflect” who we are as Americans.

Name: Judy Mickey
Date: July 3, 2026 9:05:35 am

Please do not let this golden arch, white trash our monuments.

Name: Karen Ladd
Date: July 3, 2026 9:06:32 am

I respectfully ask that a proposed monumental arch NOT be installed in front of the Lincoln Monument. Thank you.

Name: Laura Finnegan
Date: July 3, 2026 9:07:41 am

Please stop this Trump arch! A sitting president should not be spending taxpayer dollars to glorify his ego. The soldiers at Arlington deserve better than this! Stand up and say NO!

Name: Kathy Slaughter
Date: July 3, 2026 9:08:49 am

I oppose the so-called Triumphal Arch. Trump's vanity and lack of taste is damaging our national heritage sites beyond repair. This project is not needed, too expensive when I cannot afford groceries, and damaging to our heritage sites. Vote no and stand up for the history and grace of tradition.

Name: Jules Schwartz
Date: July 3, 2026 9:09:55 am

Stop the Arch!!

Name: Maxine Clark
Date: July 3, 2026 9:10:12 am

There is no reason to build the veey tacky and ugly arch. There are enough monuments already. The proposed arch is tasteless and should not happen.

Name: Molly Roberts

Date: July 3, 2026 9:10:46 am

I'd like to register my opposition to this Arch. As many veterans have noted, the arch changes the view and importance of Arlington Cemetary. As a driver in DC for many years, that circle is already confusing to navigate and would add to the difficulty of driving around it. Thirdly, FAA have commented on the danger to the flight pattern leading the National Airport. The Arch is not needed and would not add anything to the design of the city, more than anything it add danger and disrespect.

Name: Mary OToole

Date: July 3, 2026 9:11:11 am

Please don't let anyone trash any more of America and its history.

Name: Joyce Carlough

Date: July 3, 2026 9:12:52 am

This is outrageous and I strongly urge you to stope this horrendous attempt by this narcissistic president to get HIS arch built which has noting to do with America or its values.

Please--DO NOT ALLOW this ego-driven monstrosity to destroy the beauty of the Washington DC!!!

Name: Eli Edgecomb

Date: July 3, 2026 9:13:27 am

This is a democracy and we don't have an emperor. So why on earth would we build the kind of monument that Emperor's build. Napoleon may have built himself an arch, but he was an utter failure.

The Lincoln Memorial and Arlington national Cemetery, and the surrounding area are sacred ground. Anything added to that region needs to also be sacred. A gaudy monument. to one man's ego does not meet the qualifications.

In the name of all that's decent you must reject this proposal.

Name: Jay Holmes

Date: July 3, 2026 9:13:35 am

I am writing to express my opposition to the construction of the Monumental Arch. From the design models I have seen, the arch would bock views of the Arlington National Cemetery, a memorial to many who died in the Civil War, and actually framing Lee's Mansion! This is a dishonor for those who fought for the Constitution and the founding principle "that all men are created equal". This arch and location are an affront to this guiding principle of our Nation. We need to spend our National Parks budget on preserving our existing Parks and Monuments, not glorifying the General who fought for oppression and against the Union.

Respectfully,

Jay Holmes

Name: Deborah Adkins
Date: July 3, 2026 9:13:36 am

This is a real waste of money that people of the USA could be using in so many better ways... Please find in hearts and minds a better way to fund mybe a national park or lower food prices . Teach people how to garden. Supply seed that will come back each year.
Thank you for your time

Name: Christopher Northrop
Date: July 3, 2026 9:13:46 am

Please vote no on this new monumental arch. America is great already and we do not need this grotesque monstrosity ruining the hallowed ground at Arlington National Cemetery and marring the legacy of Abraham Lincoln. There is absolutely no need for this structure, please vote no. Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Gailmarie Kimmel
Date: July 3, 2026 9:14:09 am

Please halt the building of this arch. The current Washington parks and monuments need the TLC, attention and staffing. Keep our capital a celebration of the people and the great servant- leaders who brought us this far. Mr Trump is far from this.

Name: Michelle Shinew
Date: July 3, 2026 9:14:19 am

Please stop this plan before destroying any more of the historic buildings, views of historic sites, much needed streets, bridges and walkways, and using expenditures designated for the National Parks throughout our great country. No one asked for this except one person who has done enough damage!!!

Name: Rosi Meza-Steel
Date: July 3, 2026 9:14:26 am

The proposed New Monumental Arch facing Arlington National Cemetery is truly an abomination. A slap in the face to all who have served our country or supported the many generations who have risked and given their lives in doing so! Please do not allow the megalomaniac currently in the White House to despoil the breathtaking view that has inspired so many by honoring their service!

Name: Patricia Mensing
Date: July 3, 2026 9:14:55 am

I am vehemently opposed to the building of this arch. Not only will it impact the flight path to Reagan International Airport, but it will block the view of Arlington National Cemetery, a sacred ground where thousands of heroic men and women lie in rest after giving their lives to the service of this country.
This President has done NOTHING for this country. He does not serve the citizens of the US; he has only acted in ways to aggrandize himself, his families, and his rich cronies who crave power. To erect a monument to himself is not only against the law to build something to commemorate a living person, it would also serve as a horrific reminder of a person who is sadly, demented and evil. The people of Germany have no commemorations of Hitler—we should not stand for having any remembrance of this man and bring about more destruction to this beautiful city. Thank you.

Name: Teresa Anderson
Date: July 3, 2026 9:16:16 am

Not needed

Name: Diane Jaques
Date: July 3, 2026 9:16:49 am

Please do not let this proposed arch ruin the beauty of the existing monuments. Keep politics out of what belongs to the people of America. I do not want my taxes spent on this.

Thank you,
Diane Jaques

Name: Mary Fedak
Date: July 3, 2026 9:17:39 am

I would please urge you to vote NO on the proposed new Monument Arch project. It would negatively affect the established aesthetic of our beautiful capital and also obstruct the view that is enjoyed from Arlington National Cemetery that is so precious and revered by all who visit. It is not necessary and would be another example of wasted government funds that all taxpayers financially support. And this country does not need nor require another attempted testimonial to our current president. Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Megan Hanna
Date: July 3, 2026 9:17:41 am

The planned triumphal arch construction project would be against our national interest. There are no benefits for the American taxpayer and would only add to the already exorbitant national debt. The project is superficial and a waste of our tax dollars. Not to mention it would desecrate the Lincoln memorial and other national sites around the White House.

Name: Krista Espinoza
Date: July 3, 2026 9:18:36 am

Please do not allow this ridiculous vanity project to move forward. Our National Mall and the DC national monuments are all points of pride and are tourist destinations. Trump has already defaced the White House and the Reflecting Pool. Please do not allow this administration to continue defacing our public spaces!

Name: Polly Heninger
Date: July 3, 2026 9:19:06 am

Hello,
I am writing to voice my deep distress over the New Monumental Arch and implore you to oppose its construction. I find the proposed Arch to be incredibly disrespectful and abhorrent. Such a travesty should not be built. To dishonor Lincoln and honor Robert E. Lee goes against what the United States is striving to be - a more perfect union. In addition, many experts say such construction requires Congressional approval which has not been sought. Thank you for your consideration.
Polly Heninger

Name: Lauren Lamberski
Date: July 3, 2026 9:19:41 am

I am vehemently opposed to the Trump Arch! His vanity project desecrates the significance of the linking and meaning of the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington National Cemetery. It is a dishonor to the sacrifices made by those who gave their last full measure of devotion to protect this nation and our democracy.

Name: Jeremy Reger
Date: July 3, 2026 9:19:48 am

As a disabled veteran, I am strongly opposed to the construction of this new arch.

Our country's infrastructure is crumbling, and the Iran war has really put a massive strain on every single American. If anything, we need to focus our resources on finishing the projects we already have going. Washington, D.C. is an absolute mess right now, especially with the East Wing currently demolished. I visited in March and was very sad to see the state of the town, and that I couldn't even get into the ellipse.. the whitehouse feels like a mile away..

It is incredibly frustrating to see priorities shifted toward building a massive eyesore right in the middle of everything while critical renovations are left sitting unfinished. As we mark 250 years as a nation, let's reinvest in America and its people, not in the legacy of one person. Let's get our house in order first before breaking ground on something like this.

Name: Karen Pearce
Date: July 3, 2026 9:20:04 am

Honorable Committee Members,
I have concerns about the Arch. Please do not proceed with this construction. While it may have been in original plans, time has shown it is not needed nor will it add to the respect of the surrounding parks and monuments.

Thank you for listening,
Karen Pearce

Name: Judy Gatewood-Keim
Date: July 3, 2026 9:20:11 am

Please do not approve this project.

Name: Alena Callahan
Date: July 3, 2026 9:21:33 am

Respectfully, how much money and space are you going to dedicate to one man's ego? Our national monuments are dedicated to people that have been historically significant or have contributed great sacrifice. What historical significance does Trump have? What great sacrifice has he contributed? He has overseen and instigated one of the most divisive times in American history, while obscenely profiting from the presidency and sacrificing the American reputation worldwide. The American people do not want their taxes paying for one man's ego, we want justice for wrongs committed during this presidency. Do not use taxpayer dollars to build an arch or any monument to this administration. Also, aren't we trillions of dollars in debt? Why are we spending more?

Name: Carolyn Massey
Date: July 3, 2026 9:21:34 am

The arch would greatly harm the Arlington national cemetery where service members who have given everything to this country. it is a place to remember all who lost their lives. It is for everyone. we don't need a arch that is to one man

Name: Caitlin OConnor

Date: July 3, 2026 9:21:49 am

This arch will bring undue attention to a president who has done nothing but steal from Americans and destroy our country from within. This space and hallowed ground is for remembering those lost to actually fighting for our nation. NO TRIUMPHAL ARCH!

Name: Joseph Kenosky

Date: July 3, 2026 9:22:04 am

No triumphal arch. Especially at the expense of the Lincoln Memorial or Arlington National Cemetery. Do the right thing and vote against this ridiculous proposal.

Name: Detlev Aeppel

Date: July 3, 2026 9:22:08 am

We must not defile our national heritage with vanity projects such as this arch.

Name: Heather Hall

Date: July 3, 2026 9:22:12 am

I am disgusted by this current occupant of the executive branch of government and his vanity projects that serve zero purpose. Everything he touches sours and decays, and the committee voting on this should have seen plenty of evidence of this by now. PLEASE VOTE NO!

Name: Stephan Donovan

Date: July 3, 2026 9:22:29 am

No ugly monument to the insane leader's vanity.

Name: David Katz

Date: July 3, 2026 9:22:48 am

This arch is not needed and is an insult to veterans. It is a waste of money that could be used to help vets get mental health.

Name: Christine Hemphill

Date: July 3, 2026 9:23:30 am

I oppose the Triumphal Arch plan to be built. There is no need for multiple changes to the historical settings in DC at this time. These honorary structures and changes are not well planned. The impact the Arch would have will be negative to the existing settings. I feel tradition is being ignored. Over time, the appropriate parties will suggest the future changes to our heritage memories. We should reject self-glorifying during this era. Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Paul Baits
Date: July 3, 2026 9:23:47 am

This proposed monument to a failing president is an abomination. You must reject this ego-driven project.

Name: Debbie Campbell
Date: July 3, 2026 9:23:47 am

No one man, regardless of political affiliation, should make decisions on how to spend taxpayer money or what permanent and significant changes there should be to the nation's capitol. This is not a political statement. It doesn't matter what political party the president is from. The laws of the land dictate a formal process, including discussion, debate, and congressional approval. And the proposed arch has gone through none of that, so it must not be approved. It really is that simple.

Name: ethel doll
Date: July 3, 2026 9:23:49 am

Please vote NO on the proposed Triumphal Arch. It threatens to forever harm the Lincoln Memorial & Arlington National Cemetery.

Name: Kelly Grabendike
Date: July 3, 2026 9:23:51 am

Thank you for listening to public comment on this issue. I strongly opposed the proposed Trump Arch to be located between the Lincoln memorial and the Arlington Cemetery. There are so many reasons I oppose this, not the least of which is that no sitting president should put up a memorial to themselves. Those icons at our nations capital were earned and granted by the people after the president proved their worth. It is ridiculous for a president to create a monument to himself while still sitting in the white house.

In addition, the road to Arlington is a sacred one, a path to reflect and take reverence. Adding a Trump Arch here distracts from the peace of this space and is inappropriate. I strongly urge this body to stand up for what is right and to vote no on this project.

Thank you again for serving the public and protecting our history and honor in the nations capital.
Kelly Grabendike

Name: Gail Kindle
Date: July 3, 2026 9:23:55 am

I oppose the building of the arch. It is an unnecessary vanity project. It is not a reflection of the American people and a waste of tax dollars. I don't agree with any of Trump's projects.

Name: Fleur Palau
Date: July 3, 2026 9:24:08 am

I am opposed to the construction of the Monumental Arc.

Name: Joann butkus
Date: July 3, 2026 9:24:27 am

The "arch- monument is an abomination and an affront to taxpayers in America!!!

Name: Jennifer Mills

Date: July 3, 2026 9:24:27 am

There are so many things wrong with the proposed arch. We do not need to compete with any other place in the world for the tallest. We do not need to spend taxpayer money on this show of ego. And we do not need to harm other memorials or special places. Specifically Arlington National Cemetery. It is an insult to those that we honor in the cemetery to have the Ego Arch harm or damage it in any way. Please do not let this proposed arch proceed. Thank you.

Name: Monica Earle

Date: July 3, 2026 9:24:34 am

The Monumental Arch has no place near Arlington National Cemetery near our sacred deceased, nor anywhere in Washington DC. I totally appose the Arch as it doesn't fit with any of our existing monuments. Also, at a time when Americans are struggling to make ends meet, this is not a suitable time or place to make such an expense. Please, do not approve this monstrosity.

Respectfully,
Monica Earle
Indiana

Name: Bryan Stroud

Date: July 3, 2026 9:25:14 am

I am strongly against this project. It sends the wrong message about our national heritage and narrative and is nothing more than a vanity project devised by the current administration in the inexorable and endless attempt to remake our nation's capital into one man's self homage. Taxpayer funds are being recklessly squandered and it's time to put a halt to it now.

Name: Mark Cederwall

Date: July 3, 2026 9:25:22 am

I can't stay silent while a proposed Triumphal Arch threatens to forever harm the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery.

Please join me in opposing this project.

Name: Jennifer Larsen

Date: July 3, 2026 9:25:56 am

the proposed 250-foot "Independence Arch" near the National Mall is a deeply flawed concept. The main objections focus on site interference, legal overreach, aesthetic issues, and traffic disruptions.

1. Disruption of Historic Sightlines
The View: The arch's proposed site between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery would permanently obstruct iconic, century-old sightlines.
Symbolism: The uninterrupted axis between the cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial was historically designed to represent national healing and unity following the Civil War; critics argue the arch would destroy this meaning.

2. Lack of Congressional Authorization
Legal Battles: The construction faces a federal lawsuit from veterans and historians who claim the project lacks the necessary congressional approval required for monuments on federal

land. Overreach: Bypassing Congress has drawn warnings from lawmakers that officials could face legal and financial penalties for attempting to use unauthorized funds.

3. Architectural and Aesthetic Concerns
Out of Scale: At 250 feet, it would dwarf existing monuments—being nearly twice the height of the Lincoln Memorial.
Design Criticism: Urban planners and architects have characterized the design as a hodgepodge of oversized classical symbols and political messaging that lacks deep, enduring historical meaning.

4. Disrespectful Use of Sacred Space
honors an Ego: Veterans have heavily criticized the monument as a vanity project for Donald Trump rather than a respectful, solemn memorial for the nation's fallen.
Desecration: Many believe placing a triumphal (often imperial) arch honoring victory over the hallowed, mournful grounds of Arlington Cemetery is inappropriate.

5. Practical Hazards & Aviation Risks: Sitting just over 3,000 feet from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, its towering height poses complications for low-flying aircraft landing on nearby runways.
Traffic Disruption: Located in a crowded circle, experts warn the massive pillars would obstruct drivers' visibility and cause severe, long-term traffic congestion in the area.

6. It's tacky and wasted money

Name: Celia Myres
Date: July 3, 2026 9:25:57 am

No! No!
Do not make changes to Lincoln Memorial or Arlington National Cemetery.
No more desecration of our history

Name: Marla Swanson
Date: July 3, 2026 9:26:27 am

Although I live in Colorado I am against the Triumphal Arch being built in Washington DC. The unelected president is mad. He is using his narcissistic power to convert the U.S. into a showcase for his supposed glory. Need I say that the land disruption and degradation of the landscape will alter this area negatively. He will not be living much longer - while being a disgrace to our country - so why honor this dishonorable man?

Name: Bonnie Schweinler
Date: July 3, 2026 9:26:48 am

I'm vehemently opposed to erecting an arch we DONT WANT in D.C.!! This administration has decimated our country in ways that will take a generation to fix!! We want HEALTHCARE, OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, CIVIL RIGHTS, FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, CIVILIZED BEHAVIOR FROM LEADERS, ANIMAL PROTECTIONS and EVERYTHING WE HAD BEFORE TRUMP PUT BACK THE WAY IT WAS!!!

NO STUPID ARCH!!!!

Name: Susan Chapin
Date: July 3, 2026 9:26:54 am

I am writing to protest building a new monument arch. One my desecration of our capital is unacceptable. Do not allow the arch to be built

Name: RaeEtta Richmond
Date: July 3, 2026 9:27:05 am

Why can't Trump leave stuff alone.

Name: Robert Halloran
Date: July 3, 2026 9:27:08 am

Stop Trump's Arch project. It is an offense to all veterans. The view toward Arlington from Washington should never be obstructed. The view of Arlington National Cemetery should never be obstructed so all politicians will remember the cost of war.

Name: Susan Eleuterio
Date: July 3, 2026 9:27:13 am

Please do not block the Lincoln memorial which is an icon of freedom and the view of Arlington cemetery which honors our veterans who gave their lives to this country with an egoistical monument to one person .

Name: Lynn Murphy
Date: July 3, 2026 9:27:40 am

Do not allow the Trumo Arch to be build..it is a disgrace to be built to honor a convicted felon in front of the Arlington National Cemetry where those buried their gave their lives for freedom .Trumps arch is a disgrace

Name: Judith Zwarun
Date: July 3, 2026 9:27:52 am

It is so unbelievably tacky and honors a man who is ruining our democracy

Name: Jeffrey Brown
Date: July 3, 2026 9:28:46 am

This is an absurd waste of taxpayer money and a needless pet project of the current president. I am vehemently opposed to the idea of building a monumental arch. There is no reason for it, and at a time when seemingly every person in the United States is facing increased costs, the building of such a monument is an utter abuse of taxpayer dollars. Even if this were privately funded it would still be a waste of time and money. There is no reason for it.

Name: Darren Stajduhar
Date: July 3, 2026 9:29:01 am

Please dont waste our money on an arch. The American people do not need one and we would rather not have one. There are plenty of construction project that are floundering in DC already, all wasting our money.

Name: Teresa Stevens
Date: July 3, 2026 9:29:10 am

We do not need a triumphal arch. trump's only triumphs are dismantling our Bill of Rights and destroying the parts of our Constitution he doesn't like. trump has wasted enough of taxpayers money. He doesn't deserve to have monuments dedicated to him nor does he deserve to have his name on anything. He lies continuously. His grifting has already cost us billions. He needs to be impeached and removed not celebrated.

Name: Joanne Maypole
Date: July 3, 2026 9:29:59 am

Please do not allow or fund an arch at Arlington for Trump. He is a draft dodger and doesn't deserve an arch that will obstruct views and cast a shadow on the true American heroes who are buried at Arlington. It is just one more of his vanity projects that are costing American taxpayers millions of dollars that could be purposed more appropriately. Thank you,
Dr. Joanne Maypole

Name: DEBRA FRISCHER
Date: July 3, 2026 9:30:56 am

To All the Elected Leaders of our country -

The proposed Arch being reviewed is inappropriate. To place something like that in Arlington National Cemetery in honor of someone who never served in the military is not something that should happen. If he wants his Arch de triumph, he should build on one of his personal properties or in his personal cemetery. Please don't allow our tax dollars to deface our national memorials or national military cemetery.

Thank you,
Debra L Frischer

Name: Kitty Coley
Date: July 3, 2026 9:30:58 am

The new arch is a terrible idea and threatens to forever harm the Lincoln Memorial in Arlington Cemetery. Do not allow this.!

Name: Paul Conrow
Date: July 3, 2026 9:31:43 am

There is no excuse for building an Arch just to appease a Draft dodging Pedifile. No Arch! The monuments that are around Arlington National Cemetery are appropriate now. Do not change anything regarding the National Cemetery! A Victory Arch within eye sight of the final resting place of men that died in service to this country is completely psychotic.

Name: Penny DiMartino
Date: July 3, 2026 9:31:53 am

I OPPOSE the plans for a monumental arch! It will disrupt the architectural balance and view of the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery. Enough is enough!

Name: W Reid White
Date: July 3, 2026 9:32:00 am

Please vote to protect the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery heritage and views from President Trump's plans for a garish victory arch.

Thank you.

Name: Kim Harp

Date: July 3, 2026 9:33:41 am

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed Monumental Arch. First of all, the project design and sight placement have not gone through the required review and permitting process. Secondly, the placement of the Arch is very poor, blocking the view of established monuments and memorials. Please halt the progress of this project so that proper due diligence may be completed.

Name: Leigh Feagans

Date: July 3, 2026 9:34:12 am

I am opposed to the construction of a new Monumental Arch. The current location is beautiful, respectful of the nearby locations and is balanced with the surroundings. There is no need to beautify that location. Also at this time there are other projects that would benefit from the funds that would be wasted on this Monumental Arch.

Name: Susan Roberts

Date: July 3, 2026 9:34:18 am

I urge the commission to vote no on the triumphal arch project. This triumphal arch has no business being anywhere ever in my opinion as it celebrates a corrupt president and his administration. It will also totally obstruct the Lincoln memorial and Arlington cemetery.

Name: Heather Jo Moffatt

Date: July 3, 2026 9:34:39 am

I cannot oppose this enough. Truthfully, I severely oppose the construction AND destruction of anything that our incorrect, orange "leader" wishes to have happen. Trump is a creature that needs to be ignored and removed, not listened to or taken seriously. He needs to be in a senile dementia care unit, if he must be anywhere at all. DO NOT build this arch that will only desecrate the surrounding area.

Name: Lisa Bobbitt

Date: July 3, 2026 9:35:06 am

I am writing to share that I do not want the Triumphal Arch. My family and I believe there are better ways to spend our money and we don't need to permanently recognize this milestone and ruin D.C. with this huge item.

Name: Sierra Cucinelli

Date: July 3, 2026 9:35:14 am

Trump doesn't need an arch. He's already getting his unnecessary and illegal ballroom on the East wing. Enough is enough.

Name: Rhesa Olsen
Date: July 3, 2026 9:35:17 am

No, no, & NO on the stupid, unwanted, un-needed, costly, ugly, Arch that only tRUMP wants. Let him build one w his grifted stolen money back in MaroLago. We don't want any more tRUMP TACKINESS. Even the location is poorly chosen. NO ON THE ARCH!!

Name: Cher Dolan
Date: July 3, 2026 9:35:35 am

You have got to be kidding me. Disrespect to Arlington, hasn't finished one project completely, ugly as hell, wasting more money while our fellow citizens struggle. An abomination.

Name: Judith Goodier-Mojher
Date: July 3, 2026 9:35:37 am

This arch is hideous, is not needed, will consume money that is necessary for other needs like healthcare for Americans, feeding children in need, and other things that benefit average Americans, and disrespects the men and women buried at Arlington National Cemetery. PLEASE stop trying to appease Donald Trump by allowing his vanity projects such as this one. His fragile ego is not worth desecrating sacred American soil. NO other American wants this Nazi-like arch!

Name: Linda Askey
Date: July 3, 2026 9:36:06 am

Good design can make a project magical. And something that is a bit over-scaled is impressive. However, this proposed arch has the unfortunate impact of depressing the majesty of the surrounding monuments. It is out-of-scale, having negative impact in the grand scheme. It is fraught with engineering hurdles as well. Few monuments are to individual men, and those brought the reflection of history, deemed worthy by others, not a vanity project. Please reject this proposal.

Name: Jana Cole
Date: July 3, 2026 9:36:50 am

We the people do not feel an arch is an appropriate use of funds. I also feel it is another thing that will continue to divide and weaken our country. It is a travesty to change the Lincoln monument and dishonors are military who gave their lives for this country by drawing attention away from Arlington. If Trump wants an arch so badly, let him use his billions he made while in office and build it at Mara Largo.

Name: Dennis Cecil
Date: July 3, 2026 9:38:15 am

Please do not build an arch near Arlington, one of our most sacred areas. If Trump wants another monument for himself, let him build it at Mara Lago.

Name: Melina Kust
Date: July 3, 2026 9:38:35 am

This arch would further embarrass our country. Its ugly and without meaning. Do NOT let this be built

Name: Julie Zanni

Date: July 3, 2026 9:39:41 am

Absolutely not. Please stop spending money we don't have to entertain this senile old man.

Name: William Hill

Date: July 3, 2026 9:39:51 am

I am very opposed to the triumphal arch that you are considering. To be blunt. It is just another tacky and inappropriate attempt to feed his toxic ego.. Just look what he did to the oval office.

Name: Geneva Sherman

Date: July 3, 2026 9:40:02 am

Please keep national parks protected
Washington DC is perfect the way it is. Protect our history

Name: Traci Thompson

Date: July 3, 2026 9:40:08 am

As a U.S. citizen that is very concerned about the waste of money that this administration using for their own benefit and not the benefit of the people's of the U.S. I implore you to vote NO to a Monumental arch. It is not needed. It is a colossal waste of money that can be put to much better use. It is solely a vanity project for Trump and has no significance for us the U.S. citizens.

Do the right thing and vote NO to the monumental arch. We need to spend our government money much more reasonably than this.

Thank you,
Traci Thompson

Name: Amy Kaczmarczyk

Date: July 3, 2026 9:40:12 am

I oppose this arch - our historical monuments have already been damaged and tarnished beyond imagination and our tax dollars have been used excessively for inappropriate reasons. Do not continue to damage our global image with thoughtless projects.

Name: Ren Evanoff

Date: July 3, 2026 9:40:28 am

This is outrageous. The President does not own Washington. He has got to be stopped with his spending on vanity projects. He is not a king. We own the people's house and memorials. Americans are sick and tired of this man spending our tax payer dollars on these monuments to himself. Why do we have a government if the government can do nothing to stop his spending. He is bankrupting our country!

Name: Laura Mihalakeas
Date: July 3, 2026 9:41:50 am

Gentlemen, I look at our Capitol now and what our president wants to do to our Capitol and I'm horrified. I can't decide if it looks like a cheap carnival or downtown Moscow.
All of Trumps projects, from the ballroom to the arch and beyond, are defacing what was a dignified, beautiful Capitol. Please make him stop! If he wants t I build monuments to himself, let him do it in Florida.

Name: Diane Hoying
Date: July 3, 2026 9:41:52 am

July 3, 2026

Dear Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,

I am writing to register my strong opposition to the construction of the proposed 250-foot Triumphal Arch at Memorial Circle on Columbia Island. As currently planned, this project is inappropriate for our nation's capital and should not move forward.

My opposition is based on the following concerns:

Disruption of Historic Vistas: The deliberate axis between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery is one of our country's most sacred and significant cultural landscapes. A massive 250-foot monument will obstruct these irreplaceable sightlines and fundamentally alter the solemn atmosphere intended for the visitors of these monuments.

Disrespect to Veterans: Arlington National Cemetery is a place for quiet contemplation and remembrance for families honoring our veterans. This monument is widely opposed by veterans' groups who feel that a towering arch dedicated to war and presidential glory is out of step with the respectful environment of the cemetery.

Avoidance of Required Process: Major permanent structures on federal land require explicit congressional authorization. Advancing this "vanity project" without following necessary Commemorative Works Act protocols and without a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is premature and unlawful.

Misuse of Public Funds: At an estimated \$100 million, using taxpayer money to construct a polarizing symbolic monument is difficult to justify. These resources should be directed toward our National Park Service's maintenance backlogs and critical infrastructure needs.

Aviation and Traffic Hazards: Commission staff have raised highly valid concerns about how this structure will impact traffic flows in a heavily congested area as well as navigation for low-flying aircraft approaching nearby Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

Before any further decisions are made, I urge the NCPC to require a complete EIS, conduct full viewshed and traffic analyses, and respect the overwhelming public opposition to this proposal.

Sincerely,

Diane Hoying

Name: Sydney McQuoid
Date: July 3, 2026 9:42:17 am

To Whom it Concerns,
Please do not allow this Arch to be built. Big is not better.
This monstrosity will dwarf all classic monuments it surrounds. It will turn a beautiful area into a circus destroying the continuity carefully crafted by previous architects.

Do not approve. Send this packing.

Sydney Reichard

Glenview, IL 60025

Name: Chris Snyder

Date: July 3, 2026 9:43:11 am

Please do not build it. It is ugly and will forever be a reminder when Americans lost their minds and elected a man whose criminal activities have ripped off our country and its citizens. Time and history will not be kind to this president. Please do not allow this ghastly and hideous project to forever remind us of when we were stupid. Thank you.

Name: Heather Williams

Date: July 3, 2026 9:45:10 am

I oppose the construction of a Monumental Arch as proposed. Its location will cause permanent harm to the historic landscape and its design does not add value to the national mall. I respectfully ask that the application be denied.

Name: Elizabeth Bradley

Date: July 3, 2026 9:45:56 am

Dear Sir/Madam,

NO ARCH!! It is a waste of money. Fix the reflection pool first. There is no need for the monstrosity, especially near the ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETARY. Both of my parents served in WWII and would be opposed to this. First because of cost. 2nd by a man who thinks tax payer funds are private funds to do as he wishes with no oversight or approval from the people. Please. NO ARCH. Thank you

Name: Kay Novak

Date: July 3, 2026 9:46:25 am

This arch would be ugly. I do not want an arch in my capitol city. It's an ugly copy of arches around the world.

Name: Melanie Mouzoon

Date: July 3, 2026 9:47:16 am

At a time when President Trump is taking money from and degrading our national Parks, we should not be spending taxpayer money on an unnecessary monumental arch. The repairs and safety features at our National Parks are far more important and impactful and necessary.

Name: Kristen Wise

Date: July 3, 2026 9:48:01 am

This is a complete waste of taxpayer dollars on yet another vanity project. Our country is in a recession and we should not be adding to the national debt at this point on more things for Trump.

Name: Lily Campbell
Date: July 3, 2026 9:48:14 am

NO, TRUMP HAS DESTROYED ENOUGH WITH HIS VANITY PROJECTS TO APPEASE HIS FRAGILE EGO.
THIS PEOPLE DO NOT WANT THIS.
ENOUGH ALREADY.

Name: Nancy Redman-Furey
Date: July 3, 2026 9:48:14 am

The nation's capitol does not need yet another monument to Trump. I beg you, please do not allow this to go forward. I cannot imagine anything positive coming from the building of this arch. If it is built, it will serve as a permanent reminder of a very dark time in the nation's history when we allowed the executive branch to continually break the laws of the land.

Name: John J Gaviria Jr
Date: July 3, 2026 9:48:25 am

As a military veteran I see this project as an unwelcome shadow over the hollowed ground of Arlington National Cemetery.

Name: Loretta Chavez-Archuleta
Date: July 3, 2026 9:48:47 am

As a citizen of the United States of America, I implore those who are in charge to stop this monumental arch building project that President Trump wants to complete. It is a national travesty and an embarrassment to our nation. So many things that he has done have caused pain and suffering and embarrassment. I plead that this Monumental Arch will not be built. It is disgraceful and disrespectful to those who are laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery and to most people who live in this country. I don't want this as a reminder of what a horrible presidency this has been.

Thank you for listening,
Loretta Joni Chavez Archuleta
Longmont Colorado

Name: Sharon Sparks
Date: July 3, 2026 9:49:08 am

Please don't build this hideous gawdy arch. I feel that its construction is disrespectful to the veterans that are buried at Arlington cemetery. My parents are buried there and if they were still here I feel they would also be opposed to it.
Sincerely, Sharon Sparks

Name: Jenny Mears
Date: July 3, 2026 9:49:12 am

I oppose a new monumental arch, which will be a blight on a sacred space. Please do not allow this proposed eyesore to be built.

Name: Madelyn Corey
Date: July 3, 2026 9:49:37 am

The national mole doesn't need it a giant arch. The view and mall should remain as originally planned.

Name: Aaron Pospisil

Date: July 3, 2026 9:50:46 am

I am opposed to the arch. This amounts to a vanity project. Leaders in thriving democracies don't make monuments to themselves. This is the action of former Soviet leaders, of dictators, of enemies to democracy. The arch would disrupt the intended flow of already existing monuments to some of our nation's greatest heroes. If the American people look back upon Trump's presidency and decide he is worthy of such a monument on our National Mall, then it should occur. But it should be up to the American people, as all things in our precious democracy should be. Please consider this a strong opposition to this monument.

Name: Carol Blaney

Date: July 3, 2026 9:50:53 am

Dare commission members,

Please do not allow the Triumphal Arch to be built. It would ruin the beauty and meaning of the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. A decision like this, made in haste and without regard to history, does not reflect the will of the American people. Thank you for considering my comments.

Name: Dawn Shiness

Date: July 3, 2026 9:51:21 am

I am completely opposed to this project and strongly object to any use of taxpayer dollars or federal property being dedicated to this monument. We have other priorities that need attention. The timing of this is also inappropriate. Monuments have always been built AFTER a president has completed their term and the full impact of their service can be evaluated. Dedicating anything to President Trump at this point is premature.

Name: Laurita Zontek

Date: July 3, 2026 9:51:52 am

Please, is it a basic necessity for the American people! Will you spend millions, while things such as our basic needs are not met, and will you take money from social security, and taxes to do this unnecessary project!! No We do not need another monument!

Name: Michelle Casey

Date: July 3, 2026 9:51:58 am

Please do not approve any construction of the Triumphal Arch. Please leave the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery as they are. This Arch is completely unnecessary. Typically here in America, if we place monuments to presidents, it is done after said president has passed and history can look upon their presidential impacts on the country. We then decide if a monument should be erected in their memory, not while they are still sitting in office.

Please vote no. Thank you.

Name: Margaret Strainer

Date: July 3, 2026 9:53:23 am

No no no no Arch for Trump!!!! This is desecration for the monuments already present. Please say an emphatic NO!

Name: Magdalena Cabrera

Date: July 3, 2026 9:54:07 am

Esteemed members,

STOP the insanity of spending tax payer dollars to fund this corrupt administration's attempt to glorify a narcissistic sociopathic president. We all lose when we cede our moral character to fuel his ego.

Do NOT approve this project.

Adamantly,

Magdalena Cabrera

Name: Lori Discoe

Date: July 3, 2026 9:54:09 am

As an American citizen, I strongly urge members to vote against the building of the Triumphal Arch. Triumph arch were a symbol of imperialism and conquering other nations and has nothing to do with commemorating our nations 250th birthday. We should be focusing on the success within our nation such as a national parks system, transcontinental transportation, ingenuity and the symbol of freedom that we once held for the world. A triumph arch is contrary by its very name.

Name: Molly Niven

Date: July 3, 2026 9:55:10 am

The Trump triumphant Arch should NEVER happen because:

- * never approved by the public or Congress. This is a DEMOCRACY

- *it destroys the integrity of the Lincoln Memorial

- * it is meant to glorify a president who in all polls is not supported by the public, is destroying our democracy and is outspoken about wanting to be an authoritarian leader.

- * it uses our tax money without permission

- *is a disgrace for all America stands for

It's revolting in concept, design and intent.

Citizen and tax payer,

Molly Niven 80403

Name: Bryan Coutts

Date: July 3, 2026 9:58:01 am

To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Triumphal Arch project. The National Mall and its surrounding viewsheds, including the axis between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery, represent some of our nation's most sacred and historically significant public spaces. Introducing a massive new monument into this specific corridor would fundamentally disrupt the intentional, solemn design of these landmarks.

The National Capital Planning Commission has a duty to protect Washington D.C.'s historic urban landscape from visual encroachment. A project of this scale risks:

Disrupting the Sacred Axis: The visual link between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery honors the sacrifice of American veterans and the healing of the nation. It should remain unobstructed.

Overcrowding Memorial Spaces: The National Mall is a finished masterpiece of civic design. Adding unnecessary, large-scale structures diminishes the impact of existing monuments.

Setting a Dangerous Precedent: Allowing politically charged or ego-driven monuments to alter historic vistas undermines the long-term, non-partisan stewardship of our capital's public spaces.

I urge the Commission to reject this proposal and prioritize the preservation of our nation's existing historic treasures.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments.

Name: Mary Bourgeau
Date: July 3, 2026 10:00:09 am

Stop with the vanity projects, and start focusing on Americans and upholding the constitution.

Name: Sharon Deur
Date: July 3, 2026 10:00:28 am

Stop Trumps defacing of 'Our' capital! It is not his personal property to do with as he wishes. The ballroom, his name on Kennedy Center, the mess of the reflecting pool, blaming it on vandals, enough is enough! He needs more to be stopped! Put a professional in charge of cleaning up the pool. Not one of his overcharging incompetent friends. The mess happening in Washington is beyond comprehension. Listen to your constituents.

Thank you
Sharon Deur

Name: Jeannie Nutting
Date: July 3, 2026 10:00:44 am

This is a disgrace. Asside from rhe money..my tax dollars..that are needed for so many social issues that benefit our population..another Trump vanity also disrespects our veterans. Congress..get off your trump train and do the peoples woek.

Name: Todd Reich
Date: July 3, 2026 10:01:44 am

I'm opposed to this arch separating the Lincoln memorial from Arlington cemetery.

Name: Elizabeth Reardon
Date: July 3, 2026 10:01:53 am

Please do not mar the graceful Lincoln Memorial and the Arlington National Cemetery that are beloved by all who visit them by adding a pretentious new structure to the area.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Reatdon

Name: Phoenix Giffen
Date: July 3, 2026 10:02:02 am

The fact that we even have to comment on something like this that shouldn't even be an idea in the first place is crazy. Trump's Ego Arch is a spit in the face to military members and families who sacrificed their lives and actually worked to defend and protect this country, something Trump knows nothing about. Put a stop to this insanity immediately. I'm tired of all the spineless bootlicking jellyfish that bend over backwards for this felon. Do the right thing.

Name: Jacob McClure
Date: July 3, 2026 10:04:38 am

Please consider declining this monument. There is no need for this. Americans are struggling to put food on the table. Trump has done nothing but lie to the American public; he does not deserve a monument in his name. President Trump has gifted through his entire life and this project is sure to be another prime example of wasting tax payer money. This arch will desecrate the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. I urge you to vote against this nonsense.

Name: Amy KramerPerry
Date: July 3, 2026 10:04:57 am

I strongly, and deeply oppose Trump's plan to build his celebratory tower in Washington. Especially not in front of the national Cemetery honoring the citizens who have served our country in the military and more. He didn't even serve!! Monuments of honor are brought forward and built by those who want to honor someone for their service, not, I repeat, not by a person wanting to honor themselves !!!

Name: Jennifer MacCorquodale
Date: July 3, 2026 10:05:51 am

The size and location of the arch will destroy the current view of Arlington Cemetery and does a disservice to the memory of our military service members who died fighting for our country. It is disrespectful to all our current military and veterans. While none of my family is buried at Arlington, my family has served as far back as the Revolutionary war and I have had the opportunity to support our active duty and veterans. Also, memorials are not appropriate ways to honor current living presidents. This arch is nothing more than a tacky vanity project of Mr. Trump and has nothing to do with the American people in our nation's capitol. This is our country and it does not belong to one man. DC is supposed to be a place for all us Americans. I strongly oppose the design and construction of this arch and ask you to respect the American people by denying this request.

Name: Teresa Kelly
Date: July 3, 2026 10:06:52 am

This is unneeded and a waste of taxpayer dollars. What are you trying to copy the French Arch because that is what it looks like. Please stop this atrocious unnecessary obstacle from being built. We don't need a reminder of the most corrupt President of the history of the USA.

Name: Jan Schrieber
Date: July 3, 2026 10:07:10 am

I strongly oppose this Arch. With so many other issues that need to be addressed and the debt our country is currently in, this is a waste of taxpayer dollars. Our children are being saddled with so much debt that they will inevitably have to deal with.

Name: Tim Harvey
Date: July 3, 2026 10:08:58 am

I am strongly opposed to the construction of this proposed monstrosity. If built, it will forever alter the historic views of the Lincoln Memorial as well as the surrounding monuments. Please DO NOT approve this project.

US Army Veteran
Timothy Harvey

Name: Megan Long
Date: July 3, 2026 10:09:41 am

As a tax paying American, I vehemently oppose the Trump National Arch. That man is incredibly polarizing, is the least popular president in recent history and does not deserve a single tribute let alone an arch that will negatively impact the National Mall. No funds should be approved for this vanity project!!

Name: Virginia Goldrick
Date: July 3, 2026 10:09:55 am

This Arch commemorates nothing but the vanity of one man. It cheapens Arlington National Cemetery by contrast, blocks the original view, and is a McMansion bloated design that looks like an inflatable.

Name: Janet Day
Date: July 3, 2026 10:10:44 am

Please No Triumfal Arch!
Thank you,
Janet Day

Name: Bill Richards
Date: July 3, 2026 10:10:51 am

I will someday be buried in Arlington National Cemetery. During my service I was never engaged in combat but many, if not most of those interred there have served and died in combat.

The last thing I want to see is a vanity monument overlooking ANC built to appease a narcissist who used his father's influence to avoid service.

Please don't allow this to proceed!

Thank you!

Bill Richards (USA retired)

Name: Camille Hawthorne
Date: July 3, 2026 10:10:58 am

Why, why, it will interfere with what we have. If and when we do it, it needs considerable hearings, historical evidence, architectural redevelopment, not just it there for 1 person. I truly oppose this arch. Thank you

Name: Kathryn Kaweck
Date: July 3, 2026 10:12:56 am

I am adamantly opposed to the proposed arch. It is disrespectful of those who rest in one of our most sacred places. It will be an eyesore and the plans for it look ostentatious. I don't want my taxpayer money to fund this at all!
Respectfully,
Kathryn

Name: Andrea Hansen
Date: July 3, 2026 10:13:04 am

Please consider not allowing President Trump's arch from being built.

I believe it would be disrespectful to have it so close to Arlington National Cemetery. Those heros interred there deserve out utmost respect and an area free from political monuments, which I believe the arch is.

The arch would also interfere with the sweeping visual of the Lincoln memorial, one of our greatest presidents.

Please consider not building the arch.

Thank you.

Andrea M. Hansen

Name: Joseph Costello
Date: July 3, 2026 10:13:15 am

This has no place in our country, much less in our Nation's capital, particularly while U. S. Citizens are struggling to make ends meet due to the gross mismanagement displayed by our current administration.

No one asked for this, no one ever will.

It is not the duty of a nation to pacify its commander in chief.

It is not the duty of a nation to stroke anyone's ego. No one, not one single person.

A true leader uses their skills and strengths to ascertain the common goal of those being led and then execute the steps toward accomplishing that goal.

Donald Trump doesn't do that, has never done that, and will never do that. He is incapable, he possesses no visible skills or strengths that would benefit the growth of a republic.

Neither he nor his appointees get to have a say on what happens on public lands, they have proven ineffective.

Name: Sean Power
Date: July 3, 2026 10:13:54 am

America is beautiful. DC does not need to overcompensate by building this behemoth. Hitler tried and failed to create a similar monstrous arch at the twilight of the Third Reich. History does not look kindly on the effort. Should we really be spending such money on such an unwanted effort?

There are many other ways to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation. We could be helping homeless veterans, who fought valiantly for our country and now live on the streets. Some will be buried in Arlington, which this arch threatens to overshadow. The effort speaks to the president's foolishness and vanity. It is not too late for him to refocus his efforts on

something that may help people, nor is it too late to avoid the inevitable backlash. This arch is a bad idea and I believe the writing is on the wall. If Trump thinks this is a good idea, then truly the White House has lost sight of the goal.

Name: Donald Bishop
Date: July 3, 2026 10:14:03 am

Please stop the insanity, just another ploy to hire unqualified non compete contractors to construct a monument to the worst president in the history of America!

Name: Chris LaNeave
Date: July 3, 2026 10:14:37 am

We have enough appropriate arches and identify signage already in Washington DC. No more is needed!!! For God's sake, rip up and remove the torn reflecting pool hideous blue plastic and return to the original/stone/granite/stone structure it is. If it gets algae it's because of the heat wave we are having. Either drain it until winter or add some algae deterrent

Name: Sue Parker
Date: July 3, 2026 10:14:44 am

Please do not approve this project. The simplicity of the area is what resonates with visitors. This project of a new arch will destroy that simplicity. Please do NOT approve this arch.

Name: Michele Pridgeon
Date: July 3, 2026 10:15:53 am

I do not feel this is an appropriate time for this type of monument. I also do not approve of the the cost especially at this time when prices of everything are continually rising. Please do not approve of building this monument.

Name: Beth Laughlin
Date: July 3, 2026 10:17:36 am

This seems arch seems ostentatious and a celebration of the person sitting in the White House. We do not need a DC in Trump style decorations. Enough money has been wasted on the proposed ballroom/bunker, the destruction of the rose garden and the ruining of the White House lawn, not to mention what was done to the reflecting pool. Please keep the beautiful simplicity of DC. Americans just want it maintained, not Trump-a-fied. The placement of the proposed arch is an insult and dishonor to our fallen heroes placed in Arlington National cemetery. Please..... just NO.

Name: THERESA Campbell
Date: July 3, 2026 10:18:38 am

The proposed Triumphal Arch threatens to forever harm the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. Once it's built, there's no going back. Please do not build this monstrosity.

Name: Anne Pierce
Date: July 3, 2026 10:19:36 am

I am opposed to the Trump arch. A construction of that sort should be bestowed upon a past president, not chosen by a current president to honor himself.

Name: Elizabeth Akers

Date: July 3, 2026 10:20:57 am

Thank you for reading this. Please do not approve this Arch. This is a waste of resources and would impact the sanctity of the Lincoln Memorial and the Arlington National Cemetery. There are so many other needs we should be addressing. This is irresponsible. Thank you.

Name: Karen Willey

Date: July 3, 2026 10:21:04 am

I am completely opposed to this Arch. It is not the highest and best use of taxpayer money. When most of us are struggling to put groceries on the table, this is just unacceptable.

Also, the Arch will degrade the view shed. It is gaudy and ugly. Not something we want to see near the Arlington National Cemetery.

Please don't allow it to happen.

Name: Mark Romig

Date: July 3, 2026 10:21:47 am

The Monumental Arch is another vanity project of the Trump administration. It is ugly and inappropriate for the National Mall in DC. The Arch will be an eye sore because of its inappropriate positioning and its gaudy appearance. The current view has been precious throughout the decades and should absolutely not be altered in any way. This is another project whose cost will be burdened on the American tax payer. If Trump was truly a president he would be using the tax payer money to assist with health care, and lowering the cost of the basic needs of the people, not using the tax payer money to build a monument to glorify himself. This is a project totally unnecessary and inappropriate.

Name: Amy Matulevich

Date: July 3, 2026 10:23:42 am

Please stop with the unnecessary spending and building. We the people do not want an arch. This administration is a complete disgrace and utter embarrassment; any monuments built to honor this current president will just be removed once he is out of office.

Name: Lyn Huddon

Date: July 3, 2026 10:24:36 am

I oppose the creation of the Arch currently under consideration. Memorials should be by the vote of the people. This proposal is for the ego of one man. The beauty of the surrounding area and memorials would be adversely affected. Please do not vote in favor of this. Thank You for your consideration.

Name: Laura James

Date: July 3, 2026 10:26:53 am

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing from my home in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where we are surrounded by and live daily with the understanding of our solemn duty to preserve and honor our nation's history, most importantly the sacred lives of our fallen soldiers. President Lincoln came to Gettysburg, to dedicate the cemetery following the battle, his speech humbly and with great care recognizing the terrible loss of beloved sons and fathers.

The current administration's arch does not meet the standard set before us by leaders who truly knew and have felt the true cost of war upon the very souls of our people. The proposed arch is not only misguided but also unAmerican, even appearing to desecrate the sacred ground nearby. It is not a 'fitting and proper' memorial to the wars fought by American people.

I am asking, as a retired nurse, as a child of the Vietnam War, and as one who loves our country, that you NOT APPROVE the proposed arch in any way, shape or form. At the very least, this proposal is a waste of time and the American taxpayers hard earned dollar.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Laura James

Name: Kerry Campbell
Date: July 3, 2026 10:27:45 am

Please do NOT allow this triumphal arch to be built. It will spoil and overshadow the existing memorials in the area. I am totally against this idea.

Name: Lindsa Hammack
Date: July 3, 2026 10:28:22 am

DC monuments should only be appropriate in size and true meaning for something good. I am not sure what this arch is honoring. It's too close to Arlington cemetery which honors true heroes. I know Trump is not any kind of hero except to himself. Please do not allow this inappropriate arch to be built. I DO NOT want my hard earned taxes used to pay for this !!!!

Name: Robert Burch
Date: July 3, 2026 10:30:09 am

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to register my strong opposition to the proposed 250-foot Triumphal Arch planned for Memorial Circle, between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal. The Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery are two of our nation's most sacred and carefully designed landscapes. The sightline connecting them across Memorial Bridge was deliberately created to symbolize reconciliation after the Civil War. A structure more than twice the height of the Lincoln Memorial, planted directly in that corridor, would permanently disrupt this vista and diminish the solemnity of a cemetery that holds the remains of more than 400,000 veterans and their families.

This is not a modest addition to the capital's landscape. It is an enormous, costly monument to one man's ego, proposed without congressional authorization and against the objections of veterans' groups, historic preservation organizations, and tens of thousands of members of the public who have submitted comments opposing it. This project reflects personal vanity, not the will of the American people or a genuine civic need.

Once built, this arch cannot be undone. The damage to these historic sites, and to the meaning they hold for veterans,

their families, and the nation, would be permanent.

I ask the Commission to:

- Reject the proposed Triumphal Arch at Memorial Circle
- Require full congressional authorization before any further steps are taken, consistent with the Commemorative Works Act
- Prioritize the preservation of the existing sightline between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery

Thank you for considering my comments. I hope the Commission will stand with the many Americans, including veterans and their families, who oppose this project.

Sincerely,

Robert (Bobby) Burch
Kansas City, MO

Name: Jane Treacy
Date: July 3, 2026 10:32:13 am

Please see attached PDF below.
Thank you!

[Attachment](#)

Name: Mary Dragone
Date: July 3, 2026 10:32:31 am

As an American, I can't stay silent while a proposed Triumphal Arch threatens to forever harm the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National cemetery .
Once it's built, there's no going back. Please oppose it today,

Thank you
Mary Dragone

Name: M C
Date: July 3, 2026 10:33:25 am

As a taxpayer and U.S. citizen, I am 100% AGAINST the new Arch plans. I am sick and tired of this president trying to make everything look like something out of a French palace. And making everything about HIM. Stop ruining our Capital city and our country, and wasting money (no matter WHERE it comes from) with these ugly self-important projects. This Arch is a waste of money and will only make the area look less serene and more like the Versailles Palace. It is disgusting.

Name: Debra Hoffman
Date: July 3, 2026 10:35:47 am

1) No arch should be built to honor any living president. 2) Monuments should be on a scale that won't overwhelm existing ones. 3) The current reflecting pool debacle is proof that there has to be a lengthy planning process for such projects with bids from many companies that have the experience to complete them to specifications. This isn't seem to be the methodology used by the current President.

Name: Ken Reeves
Date: July 3, 2026 10:36:18 am

No arch!

Name: Drew Speer
Date: July 3, 2026 10:38:17 am

Good morning,

I'm writing to say that I disagree with the plan to build the new arch in DC that is being proposed. Our country has a number of beautiful existing natural features which need our protections, and these funds would be better suited protecting our national parks, forest, deserts, and waters. Please reject the new arch and provide more funding for the National Park Service.

Thanks,

Drew Speer

Name: Shayna O'Kelley
Date: July 3, 2026 10:38:31 am

I write in strong opposition to the proposed New Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle, and I urge the Commission to withhold approval.

My spouse is a veteran. The land between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery is not an empty pedestal awaiting a monument — it is a deliberately composed memorial landscape. Arlington Memorial Bridge was designed with a low profile precisely so nothing would interrupt the sightline between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House, a vista created to symbolize reconciliation after the Civil War. A 250-foot arch placed at Memorial Circle — more than twice the height of the Lincoln Memorial itself — would permanently sever that relationship and loom over the graves of more than 400,000 service members and their families. That is not commemoration. It is intrusion on hallowed ground.

The process is as flawed as the design. The Commemorative Works Act exists to ensure that permanent monuments on federal land in the capital result from congressional authorization and deliberate, multi-agency review — not unilateral executive action on a political timeline. Congress has not authorized this structure, required NEPA and Section 106 historic preservation reviews are incomplete, and the proposal has not justified its conflict with the Height of Buildings Act. Approving a concept of this magnitude before the law's requirements are satisfied would set a precedent that no future memorial landscape in Washington is safe.

If the Commission wishes to honor the nation's 250th anniversary, it should do so in a way that respects the dead at Arlington, the law, and a century of careful stewardship of this landscape. This arch does none of those things. I respectfully ask the Commission to reject it.

Name: Regenia Spoerndle
Date: July 3, 2026 10:39:01 am

Not only is this project completely unnecessary to build, the location proposed is also a problem. We are not France and already have many unique monuments and memorials to represent our unique culture and history. I do not approve of tax payer money being used to build this arch, especially at this time.

Name: Patrick McGee
Date: July 3, 2026 10:41:51 am

I am completely opposed to any ARC in Washington. It does not speak to USA values or memory. Waste of taxpayer dollars. Feed the poor, educate the people. I can be proud of that.

Name: Robert Bartlett

Date: July 3, 2026 10:42:22 am

I urge the commission to reject to proposal to build a “triumphal arch” at the circle where Memorial Bridge enters Arlington Cemetery.

The arguments regarding its colossal size and the impact it would have on the character of Arlington and the Lincoln Memorial have been well made by professional preservationists and are worth heeding.

I will add to that only that this proposed monument seems needless. If the purpose is to honor the fallen and to celebrate triumphs then the best way to do this is to build a decent society worthy of that sacrifice. If the purpose is to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the nation’s founding, then this has already been a colossal waste of resources that I hope will go no further than this hearing.

Name: Vincent & Hazel Partridge

Date: July 3, 2026 10:42:40 am

This is not needed and a waste of the people’s money. We have other beautiful monuments that capture the essence of the United States.

Name: Sarona Austin

Date: July 3, 2026 10:46:32 am

The money should go back to the National Park Service not towards building an arch. Especially since so many National Park Service employees were let go. The parks need the funds!

Name: Robert Smythe

Date: July 3, 2026 10:46:43 am

Please, PLEASE DON’T APPROVE the proposed plan for an enormous, ugly, ego-striking “arch” anywhere in the DC-Virginia region! The American citizens don’t want it; our veterans don’t want it; only Trump and his outrageous ego want it!

Name: Jan Weisel

Date: July 3, 2026 10:46:50 am

Do not approve Trumps arch project. It is costly and does not represent our democratic country. Not one penny of American tax payer dollars should be spent on it when Americans are struggling to buy food and and other essential items

Name: Cynthia Old

Date: July 3, 2026 10:47:02 am

Things do not allow this Arch to be built it will block the Lincoln memorial as well as the cemetery I am not interested in seeing this Arch be built and I'm sure there are many others that are not interested in this Arch it will be blocking too many beautiful things please do not allow this Arch to be built. Thank you for listening to me.

Name: Calvin Lounds
Date: July 3, 2026 10:49:34 am

Please do not approve this unnecessary structure being built. As a nation, we cannot afford additional expenditures that do nothing to benefit this nation's people. Stop the unnecessary spending. We are in debt!

Name: Gail Nakayama
Date: July 3, 2026 10:50:14 am

Good morning

Arlington cemetery was built to honor those who have fought for our country. The original layout was planned and executed for the fallen. Any one who seeks to alter this is wrong. It doesn't matter who they are. What matters is the military's hero's and the dead.

This is where they lay in their final resting place. So that family, relatives and friends to them may come and pay their respects for the countless sacrifices of these men.

No one who has not fought for this country in the military should seek to change or alter any part of this hallowed ground.

Please consider carefully so that the dead may continue to rest in peace. Thank you

Gail Nakayama

Name: Michelle Fleming
Date: July 3, 2026 10:51:42 am

I am writing in extreme opposition to the proposed triumphal arch. Please do not spend money that is much needed in other public sectors on a meaningless arch that will forever mar the already beautiful Washington Mall. This arch is a waste of money and resources. It is completely unnecessary and is reminiscent of Nazi Germany. Please do not spend money and time and materials on a structure that does not honor America's heroes, values, or accomplishments.

Name: Sally Sheck
Date: July 3, 2026 10:51:46 am

The proposed arch will negatively obstruct the existing revered monuments and views that are cherished and it poses a threat to aircraft. Please do not construct the arch.
Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Linda Andrews
Date: July 3, 2026 10:52:45 am

I am vehemently opposed to the project for this obscene arch which disrupts the sublime view of Arlington Cemetery from the Lincoln Memorial.

As a citizen and artist and world traveler I appreciate well planned elegant monuments. This arch plan is none of these

things. And copying a monument from a foreign country is about as unAmerican as flying in a Qatari plane.

These United States of America have no need for grandiose monuments particularly in this time of more pressing issues like healthcare, education and job opportunities that actually allow for a comfortable life.

It is time to reign in the self aggrandizing impulses of a convicted felon.

Name: Tristin Pollet

Date: July 3, 2026 10:52:52 am

This is absolutely appalling. These monuments serve as a reminder of the great things people have done for this country and as a resting place for our fallen military. I am tired of this president trying to leave his name on everything like he is marking his territory. He is defacing this nations historical monuments. I am tired of people catering to him and allowing to destroy everything about this country. This arch should absolutely not be allowed to be built and ruin the legacy of our nation and its people.

Name: Patricia F Burrows

Date: July 3, 2026 10:54:36 am

To the NCPC Commissioners:

Please vote in opposition to the New Monumental Arch (Triumphal Arch) proposal. For many reasons this proposed project should not go forward. It appears to be a monstrosity of huge proportion that will mar the view of Arlington Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial. It appears to be an action of sacrilege to our Veterans and our ancestors who gave the ultimate sacrifice to honor America. It is an unnecessary expenditure of monies that have not been relegated by Congress. It would present an aviation risk to Dulles Airport. I view it as a vanity project with no federal interests for improvement in the Nat'l Capital Region. It is a proposal from an Administration that is actively destroying democracy and essential institutions. America has not been triumphant in war, in the care of our vulnerable communities, in reigning in oligarchy, in our stewardship of our planet, in caring for our veterans, in welcoming the immigrant, in protecting the middle class. There is no triumph in demoralizing half our voting population, ignoring the plight of workers and the poor or in the lack of fiduciary responsibility towards our national debt. I sincerely request that this project-a monumental arch be dismissed and that no further consideration be extended. Thank you. Patricia F Burrows, Jupiter FL, 33469

Name: Barbara Burke

Date: July 3, 2026 10:54:39 am

Hello,

As a taxpayer and American citizen, I am writing in opposition to the proposed monumental arch.

The area is beautiful as it is; there is no need to build anything at all. The proposed design is wildly out of proportion and is much too large to fit seamlessly into the surroundings. It will dramatically change the area - for no good reason.

In addition, this monkey could be so much better spent to support our national parks or our fellow citizens rather than building an arch for no purpose. This president has already made changes to buildings, such as the East Wing of the White House, to suit his own taste. There is no need to add another project to the mix.

Name: allison gauthier

Date: July 3, 2026 10:56:03 am

Please honor Arlington Memorial Cemetery and all those who have sacrificed for our country. DO NOT ALLOW THE ARCH TO BE BUILT! We should not honor a convicted sexual assault predator or a thief at the highest levels.

Name: David Reichert
Date: July 3, 2026 10:57:39 am

The proposed Triumphal Arch is not in keeping with the existing memorials and should not be built. It would forever mar the solemnity of the National Cemetery and irrevocably mar the view of the Lincoln Memorial. This arch would show disrespect to our nation's history. Reject this atrocity.

Name: Christopher Geissmann
Date: July 3, 2026 10:58:37 am

I urge the NCPC to disapprove the proposed monumental arch. Quite apart from architectural design, the mere scale of such a structure would detract from the familiar and cherished dignity and spacial harmony of the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery. Veterans are among those most determined to prevent such an intrusion on their 'hallowed ground'. In case of a referendum, I am confident that a large majority of citizens would agree. Please act accordingly.

Name: Thomas Litawa
Date: July 3, 2026 10:59:36 am

The LAST thing America needs is a long standing TRUMP vanity project that will remind ALL Americans the disgraceful behavior of a fascist dictator!!!
Trump is abusively destroying and bankrupting our government while abusively ignoring the needs of our most vulnerable PATRIOTS!!!

Do not allow this abomination to continue!!!

Name: Lauren Reichert
Date: July 3, 2026 11:01:01 am

I do not like the potential arch that would block the line of sight from Arlington National Cemetery into DC. The men and women who gave their lives for this country are meant to permanently have that view. Additionally, people driving into DC would lose sight of the Lincoln Memorial and those driving out would lose sight of Arlington National Cemetery, ruining our nation's skyline.

Name: Scott Boedeker
Date: July 3, 2026 11:01:05 am

Please, please, please do NOT approve that hideous arch that Trump wants. It would forever be a source of division which is the last thing this country needs. Triumphal arches not a symbol of a Republic. They are symbols of empire built to glorify emperors.

Name: Carol Dechand
Date: July 3, 2026 11:03:55 am

Please do not allow the arch to be built. As the wife of a veteran and daughter of a wwii veteran I am opposed to the marring of the unimpended vista honoring those who have fought and served our country by marring or changing the intended view.

Name: Beatrice Camp
Date: July 3, 2026 11:04:07 am

I strongly oppose building a mammoth arch on Memorial Circle. The proposed arch is much too big, obstructing views between Arlington National Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial. It will cause major traffic problems. It is garish, unwanted, and unnecessary. Please do not approve building this monstrosity.

Name: Anna Copeland
Date: July 3, 2026 11:04:22 am

Please do not allow a new monumental arch to be built! This will harm our most cherished monuments already existing. Do not allow this to happen please!!

Name: Mary Hundt
Date: July 3, 2026 11:04:51 am

I say NO to this triumphal arch!!! Even if private funds are being raised. NO!!!!!!! This will desecrate the national cemetery and Lincoln Memorial!!!

Name: Jody Wainer
Date: July 3, 2026 11:07:24 am

I strongly oppose Trumps building an arch or anything else !

Name: Carol Hanson
Date: July 3, 2026 11:07:37 am

At no other time in the history of the United States of America has a current president built a monument to himself. This location is especially egregious and simply unacceptable.

Name: Emily Fahrig
Date: July 3, 2026 11:08:12 am

Trump has no triumphs to celebrate. He has caused war, hate, grief, separation, sex trafficking, assault, incited riots, as well as promoted racism and ablism. Use the money to actually help Americans, not stroke his ego.

Name: Kyra Storojev
Date: July 3, 2026 11:11:35 am

This is another waste of taxpayers dollars in DC. A vanity project that will last over two years building. Why is this a priority when we have a national debt that keeps climbing? This is an irresponsible project that bypasses the democratic process because it has not received the necessary Congressional approval.

Name: Tina Christianson
Date: July 3, 2026 11:12:06 am

This a very selfish move to impart one persons ideals over everyone else's. What a slap in the face for every other selfless American.

Tina Christianson

Non party voter

Name: Karen Foster

Date: July 3, 2026 11:13:30 am

I am against this arch that has no purpose except as Trump himself said "honor him". In addition to it being a monstrosity blocking the view of the cemetery. Like the other vanity projects taxpayers are paying for these - stealing money from our national parks. Please do not let this happen.

Name: Deborah Bradford

Date: July 3, 2026 11:15:01 am

Please do not allow Trump to build his absurd arch. It's tacky , and utterly out of scale and inappropriate for our nation's capital. Most Americans do not want such an ostentatious, ugly, and downright silly blight on our fair capital. Thank you-D. Bradford

Name: John Ennals

Date: July 3, 2026 11:18:27 am

This idea is disgraceful. When reading yesterday about the change of Korean history from one on Presbyterian belief to one of worship of Kim is Sung I discovered he built an arch larger then the French one in 1968. Here we are with a President who wants to be worshipped doing the same thing. Washington DC should not become a memorial to Trump. Please do whatever you can to prevent this monstrosity from spoiling our capital.

Name: Charles Fitzpatrick

Date: July 3, 2026 11:23:19 am

To those considering a proposed memorial arch,
I oppose this project. It doesn't fit.

I live in the vicinity and walk very early every morning past a handful of men raising a flag, past waves of white stone markers, past the former lands of a historic family, past a flickering flame marking a fallen President, past the seasonal gardens honoring a First Lady, and along the circle before the graceful rise and fall toward the memorial for an earlier fallen President, just to the right of which the memorial to our very first President peeks out over the trees. All along this path, the elements support sober reflection on the conditions of past, present, and future. None of the elements screams out "LOOK AT ME! I AM THE GREATEST, THE MOST SUBSTANTIAL, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT!" Before dawn, the occasional vehicles can see and be seen, fostering safe transit for all. When walking through in daytime, I certainly see more vehicles, but pedestrians still point and chatter, and those on bike or scooter swivel their heads left and right, and people continue safe (if more halting) traverse in the absence of major distraction and disruption. Over the years, I have pulled a daytime driver to safety after he lost control and crashed into trees, and helped a pre-dawn driver and passenger escape a rollover. I think the proposed arch, over a large area, would damage rather than enhance existing views and feelings, and degrade safety.

Thank you.

Charles Fitzpatrick, Arlington, VA

Name: Patricia Eynon

Date: July 3, 2026 11:30:30 am

Please do NOT build the Triumphal Arch! It is not consistent with American values. It is a grotesque looking structure, a waste of taxpayers' money. Just because Trump wants it, it doesn't mean the American people do. There are many other worthwhile things the money could be used for, feeding the hungry, education, medical research, our national parks, climate change research and on and on. Please do not build that ugly thing!

Name: Daniel Carley
Date: July 3, 2026 11:31:45 am

This arch desecrates the memory of all who fought in the Civil War and those who lie in Arlington National Cemetery. This arch should be denied.

Name: Elizabeth McCormick
Date: July 3, 2026 11:33:58 am

Please DONOT approve or advance the Monumental Arch. That is an unnecessary project that will permanently change the landscape of the National Mall.

This project is not what the citizens want. It will ruin the landscape, especially for Arlington Cemetery & the Lincoln Memorial. Please do not approve this project!

Respectfully,
E McCormick

Name: Pamela Masuk
Date: July 3, 2026 11:34:16 am

I am against the proposed Triumphal Arch. Too big, ovetshadows other monuments,just another Trump Idea for something huge he can be remembered by.

Name: Lauren Weis Birnstein
Date: July 3, 2026 11:36:02 am

This monstrosity should never be built. Not only is it ugly, but it ruins the sight lines and peace of the Jefferson, Lincoln, and Obelisk. d

Name: Windy Tamplin
Date: July 3, 2026 11:43:22 am

Why must we pay for a vanity project of a president who does not consult, consider or participate in discussions with the people of this great nation. We must stop the whole sale of our nations greatest treasures the national parks and monuments. If we allow this project to continue it will be the next big embarrassment right next to the reflection pool debacle. Please for the love of this nation vote no and stop wasting tax payers money. Spend the money on maintenance for the parks not destruction!!

Name: Melody McMaster
Date: July 3, 2026 11:46:02 am

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Gateway Arch project and to urge decision-makers to carefully consider its potential negative impacts before moving forward.

While supporters may view the project as a symbol of progress or national pride, significant concerns remain regarding its financial, environmental, and community consequences. Also, why Trump would want to build this arch for President Obama I am not sure why. It is thoughtful but unnecessary.

First, the cost of constructing and maintaining a large-scale monument can place a substantial burden on taxpayers. Public funds are limited, and many communities face pressing needs such as affordable housing, infrastructure repairs, public safety, parks, recreation programs, education, and social services. Investing millions of dollars in a monument may divert resources from projects that provide more direct and measurable benefits to residents.

Second, large construction projects often have environmental impacts. Depending on the location, development could disturb natural habitats, increase stormwater runoff, contribute to traffic congestion, and reduce open space. Once these impacts occur, they can be difficult or impossible to reverse.

Third, there are concerns about community priorities and public input. Major public projects should reflect broad community support and demonstrate clear public value. If residents feel excluded from the planning process or believe their concerns have not been adequately addressed, the project risks creating division rather than unity.

Additionally, ongoing maintenance and operational expenses must be considered. Monuments require long-term commitments for upkeep, security, repairs, and staffing. These recurring costs can become a financial obligation for future generations long after the initial construction is complete.

Finally, communities are often strongest when investments focus on assets that improve daily quality of life—such as parks, trails, recreation facilities, libraries, community centers, and public infrastructure. These investments serve residents directly and provide lasting benefits across all age groups and income levels.

For these reasons, I respectfully oppose the Gateway Arch project and encourage decision-makers to prioritize investments that address community needs, preserve public resources, and deliver the greatest public benefit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Melody McMaster

Name: Yvonne Maheu
Date: July 3, 2026 11:47:05 am

Please do now allow the Triumphal Arch to be built. Nothing associated with Trump ends well.

Name: Dorothy Olson
Date: July 3, 2026 11:49:33 am

The proposed arch is not wanted by the majority of the people in the United States of America. It is gaudy and does not blend with the other architecture in the vicinity. Having it frame a replica of the Confederacy is reprehensible. It is an embarrassment to the United States and a waste of money that is needed in the rest of the country for OUR National Parks.

Name: Monica Fishkin
Date: July 3, 2026 11:51:51 am

Dear Sirs,

I do not believe that we need to build a monumental arch between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery, especially without Congressional Approval. It is a waste of taxpayer money and this president does not deserve to be preserved that way. Things like this are usually reserved for special people who have done wonderful things for the American people and usually as a tribute after they are dead. It is not seemly to build a monument to yourself during your lifetime when it has not been approved by the American people, especially since we will be paying for it. It is also too large and will detract from the approved monuments that are already there. Vote NO on approving the arch. Thank you.

Name: Lynda Fossing
Date: July 3, 2026 11:57:25 am

PLEASE do not allow the plans for this horrific monument to move forward. It will obscure the current view between existing monuments and the Cemetery. It does not enhance the beauty of our Capital. It will overshadow everything that has been in DC for many years and provides no benefit or true memorial to anyone or anything.

Name: Glen ARMSTRONG
Date: July 3, 2026 11:57:40 am

No to the arch. I want my tax dollars going to the a American people & not Trump legacy.

Name: Trina Malone
Date: July 3, 2026 11:59:45 am

As a licensed interior and young person who cares about the legacy and authenticity of this country, I am writing to oppose the approval and construction of the "Triumphal Arch". The Harrison design renderings are egregious and gaudy, they are a sad replica of other original arches around the world. We cannot be the nation to copy others and not have original thought. It is a sad project for a sad cowardly president who just wants to decorate instead of lead, this design is a slap in the face to all of us designers and architects who actually care about moving the construction of this nation forward to wards that of inclusion and resilience. Please reject this proposal room to build this horrifying structure.

Name: Peter Bass
Date: July 3, 2026 12:06:07 pm

Please REJECT any proposals to build this monstrosity at any scale or location on Federal property in the District or Virginia. I say this as a long time Reston the area and as a professional urban planner. Thank you !

Name: Thomas Parker
Date: July 3, 2026 12:09:54 pm

I strongly object to the building of this arch. It will overshadow other national treasures, like Arlington National Cemetery, Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, and be a sycophantic tribute to an egotistical President. Please, please do not let this desecration of our beautiful nation's capital continue

AND , please do not allow this administration to spend our taxpayer dollars to fund this unnecessary desecration. The ballroom is totally unnecessary and cost us \$400-\$500 million. This Arch will be the same

Name: Susan Morris
Date: July 3, 2026 12:10:09 pm

I want NO changes to the Lincoln Memorial or Arlington cemetery.

Name: Winona Milwagon

Date: July 3, 2026 12:11:14 pm

The Triumphal Arch would ruin the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery, and is a disgusting idea

Name: Greg Greer

Date: July 3, 2026 12:17:27 pm

Hello and thank you for giving me this opportunity to express my no vote for this arch in front of the Lincoln Memorial. I'm a patriotic and love the United States of America and a proud tax payer and this is not how I want my taxes spent on frivolous monuments. Its just like all the silly gold thats in the White House its looks cheap and gaudy.

Sincerely,
American patriotic!

Name: David Altfater

Date: July 3, 2026 12:17:32 pm

I oppose the construction of this arch. Its size, height, appearance, and placement would negatively affect the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. Money would be better spent maintaining and improving the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. Thank you.

Name: Torrey Hair

Date: July 3, 2026 12:20:17 pm

I'm sure it comes as no surprise that many people find the Monumental Arch that the current president wants built to honor himself is inappropriate, and unpopular. This monument does not stand to represent the American People, show support for our troops, or really to honor anything else other than the current presidents desire to see himself in everything in our country. But this country is not One Man's to Claim, it is America for Everyone. A monument built to one man should be earned, and erected post mortem in order to celebrate their life and achievements. This monument is literally just a symbol of selfishness, and does NOT deserve to stain the ground it would rest on. Please, do NOT approve this project. Please DON'T let this monument become another symbol of greed, selfishness, and vanity. Do Not Approve this Project. Thank you for your consideration and time.

Name: Anny Anny

Date: July 3, 2026 12:21:01 pm

This is, of all the terrible things that Trump has done, one of the worst. I'm against this in every way. It's crude, vulgar, outrageous and only serves one purpose, which is to glorify his already over inflated, malignant narcissism. It is an appalling insult to the people of this country and a complete waste of money.

Name: Sophia Maamouri

Date: July 3, 2026 12:24:46 pm

I oppose. We don't need it. More pressing issues to deal with and enough of our tax dollars spent.
Thank you

Name: Nancy Hadley
Date: July 3, 2026 12:25:40 pm

Please do not approve the proposed monumental arch. It is inappropriate and will mar the current carefully planned
viewscope from all vantage points. I just returned from a visit to DC with
My grandchildren. We marveled at the view from the Capitol, the Washington Monument, the Jefferson Memorial, the
Lincoln Memorial and the entrance to Arlington Cemetery. IF we had just won a world conflict or other momentous
victory perhaps an arch would be appropriate. But this arch is just a testament to one man's ego. Don't let his ego mar the
other worthy memorials and the memory of all those buried in Arlington Cemetery. Please.

Name: Harold Schlechtweg
Date: July 3, 2026 12:26:29 pm

I am writing in opposition to the proposed Monumental Arch because it minimizes Arlington National Cemetery and what
it stands for. I am a veteran, a former US Marine. Our nation doesn't need this arch. Certainly not here. Thanks for
considering my views.

Name: Jefferson Stensrud
Date: July 3, 2026 12:39:47 pm

Our nation is plagued with a 39 Trillion Dollar debt and you are delusionally considering a pompous arch of some sort to
"honor" a bogus and questionable resident in the spoiled house?????????

Have some guts and fortitude and dismiss this exceptionally stupid (and costly) idea!!!!!!

The entire bamboozly idea is one that needs to be crushed for the sake of the country and as an initial concrete step of
reinstating a noble sense of sanity for the good of the nation.

Go Fourth!!

Name: Carol Smith
Date: July 3, 2026 12:40:21 pm

Do not build this arch! It's a waste of taxpayers money and will be a national eye sore. Instead, invest the money back
into our educational system thus providing better education for special education students, low income students, and
others who need federal government assistance. Provide debt relief for students who have college loans. In other words,
put the money to use for the taxpayers of our county and not waste it on a useless arch.

Name: Tim Garcia
Date: July 3, 2026 12:40:29 pm

There is no need for creating this arch to compete with the other monuments on the mall. At the least, the creation or
alteration of monuments, should be reviewed by a non-partisan commission who is dedicated to maintaining the beauty of
the mall.

Name: Mary Hanson
Date: July 3, 2026 12:43:57 pm

As the daughter of a veteran, wife of a veteran, and aunt of a veteran, I plead with you to SAY NO to the triumphal arch. Respect and honor for our veterans MUST be the priority for the use of taxpayer dollars, NOT catering to the ego of a narcissistic president.

Thank you
Mary Hanson

Name: Kimberly Bakkes
Date: July 3, 2026 12:48:37 pm

I'm opposed to the arch because of the way it detracts from existing historical monuments.

Name: Joseph Freeman
Date: July 3, 2026 12:49:42 pm

I utterly oppose the co-called Triumphal Arch as a desecrating vanity project launched by a megalomaniacal tyrant. Thank you.

Name: Tony Fleming
Date: July 3, 2026 12:52:48 pm

NO Trumpian Arch, glorifying a Fascist. How undemocratic! Plus an eyesore. Do not let this happen! Most real Americans don't want this including me!

Name: Jackie Hobbs
Date: July 3, 2026 1:00:59 pm

Please please please, do not allow the proposed Triumph Arch to proceed! It should not intrude on the Lincoln Memorial or Mall area!!

Name: Frank Roder
Date: July 3, 2026 1:03:08 pm

Preserve and protect Arlington National Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial do not build a monument to honor Trump at this time.

Name: Griselda Sutton
Date: July 3, 2026 1:09:27 pm

Absolutely not. What is the matter with this crazy idiotic person? Why does he think he OWNS Washington and the country, and the world when you think about it. What an insult to those dedicated, caring and educated citizens who studied and worked to honor and beautify our country. Stop, please out a stop to this!

Name: Susan OSullivan
Date: July 3, 2026 1:15:26 pm

Please do NOT approve the building of a National Arch that will detract from Arlington National Cemetery and other Washington monuments. As proposed it is ostentatious and not a good fit for our historical area

Name: Michael Brouillette
Date: July 3, 2026 1:34:10 pm

I'm sorry but I'm starting to believe President Trump is mentally ill and Deranged and you mustn't left him built the stupid Arch or any kind of monument. It's time to put an end to this madness

Name: Leslie Thompson
Date: July 3, 2026 1:37:49 pm

We do not need to spend the money on this arch when we have a trillion dollar debt..and Americans have lost their health coverage due to Trumps policies. I vote NO on this project.

Name: Melvin Thompson
Date: July 3, 2026 1:39:53 pm

Our government owes so much money to other nations. We need to stop this useless project and spend down our debt

Name: Walter Minnick
Date: July 3, 2026 1:50:19 pm

I strongly oppose the Monumental Arch for it's concept and location.

Name: Margaret Messinger
Date: July 3, 2026 1:56:58 pm

Name: Kenneth Wills
Date: July 3, 2026 2:03:02 pm

Do not approve the Monumental Arch. That is the kind of thing a dictator like Napoleon or Julius Caesar would build.

Name: Dean DePree
Date: July 3, 2026 2:07:14 pm

NO project or monument submitted by the Trump Administration is worthy of your consideration, ESPECIALLY a "Triumphal Arch", in light of the pitiful and disastrous situation we are in with Iran. Please show the good sense to condemn any efforts to honor the worst President in American history.

Name: Trina Jacobson
Date: July 3, 2026 2:07:32 pm

I am writing in opposition to the Monumental Arch that is being proposed. What is the purpose of it? It will destroy the views of the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. These iconic places have been around for decades and deserve to be preserved, not overshadowed by an Arch that most people of this country do not want.

Name: Gwe Behe
Date: July 3, 2026 2:15:04 pm

I writing to urge the Commission to oppose the new monumental arch. With all of the cuts to public services and care for human beings, such an expenditure of public funds seems foolhardy and gratuitous .

Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Karen Millet
Date: July 3, 2026 2:20:14 pm

This over-sized structure will overwhelm the beautiful dignity and historical importance of the existing monuments, whose structure and placement / relationship to each other speak more loudly than could any "triumphant arch" as to what's most noble about America.

Please, please don't allow our capital to be desecrated in this way! If President Trump wants an arch it might work very well at his future library but it doesn't belong in Washington.

Name: Donna Goodman
Date: July 3, 2026 2:30:07 pm

Do not allow this monument

Name: Marcia Smith
Date: July 3, 2026 2:39:00 pm

Stop this effort for the "TRUMP" arch.
It is ONLY about his ego NOT about our country.

Name: Donna McEvilly
Date: July 3, 2026 2:44:57 pm

I strongly oppose the triumphal Arch project. It is an unnecessary expense and will negatively impact the existing memorials around the area.

Name: Lisa Read
Date: July 3, 2026 2:59:34 pm

Dear Sir/Madam: Please do not build the Arch that would honor President Trump. He's unpopular with the American people and he's shown indifference to their financial suffering and the fact that two American citizens, who were not threatening anyone, were killed by ICE. He's also started an unnecessary war with Iran and creating a fund for insurrectionists who stormed our capitol on January 6, 2021.

Sincerely,
Lisa Read

Name: Sherry Bush
Date: July 3, 2026 3:01:13 pm

Please, for the love of God! NO blasphemous Trump Arch!
The US is already disgraced and a laughing stock to the world. Stop this tacky arch mess!

Name: Emilia Bellone
Date: July 3, 2026 3:17:29 pm

I'm strongly opposed to the proposed Triumphal Arch which would be placed near the Lincoln Memorial and the Arlington National Cemetery.

1. It has not received proper approval from Congress or the appropriate independent government agencies.
2. Its position and size will disrupt the sight lines between the Lincoln Memorial and the Arlington House which represents the national unity reformed after the Civil War.
3. The administration bypassed a public bidding process for the work, another attempt by the administration to push past the norms established for erecting a permanent national structure like this. It suggests this is more about what the administration wants more than what is in the interests of our people and country. It's already known as the 'Arc d'Trump' and the president has publicly said it's being built for him. The expensive construction featuring gigantic, heavy equipment is planned to run 20 hours a day year round for the next two-three years to get it done before he leaves office, another sign that it's about our president, not really about our country.
4. The intensive, major construction will disrupt traffic and activities around the Arlington Memorial Bridge for a long time.
5. We Americans are suffering overall economically, have had many government services and benefits cut in the past year and a half, and many of us struggle to make ends meet. We are still engaged in war which affects us all and continues to drain our resources. The taxpayer money going into this expensive, vanity project (estimated at \$100 million) now seems especially grandiose, wasteful and insensitive.

I love my country and want to honor its 250 year legacy and history, but this is not the proper way or means in which to do it. It should be "for the people" which means doing it with the people's needs and input given the highest consideration.

Name: Brenda Butler
Date: July 3, 2026 3:22:48 pm

Do not vote in favor of the proposed Triumphal Archway. This project risks permanently damaging the character and dignity of both the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery—sites that honor sacrifice, unity, and the nation as a whole.

This proposal is widely understood not as a tribute to America, but as a monument centered on a single political figure. That distinction matters. Our most sacred national spaces should remain above politics and personal legacy-building.

Name: Natalie Levine
Date: July 3, 2026 3:43:09 pm

I strongly oppose the building of this arch. It will drastically change the experience at Arlington Cemetery and the National Mall and it insults veterans and their families that are buried at Arlington. Please do not continue this project.

Name: Kelly Frank
Date: July 3, 2026 3:45:46 pm

We the People did NOT ask for this! It is appalling to think that our public servants refuse to help our people with OUR taxpayer money, yet continue to throw money at vanity projects.

We need healthcare and social safety nets, not to mention actual infrastructure that would help our people and better our society.

Enough with tributes to one man.

Name: Constance Minerovic
Date: July 3, 2026 3:54:02 pm

Allowing this Arch to be erected would be a TRAVESTY! Monuments should be built to honor the Sacrifices that individuals have made for the Betterment of our Nation NOT to someone's Vanity! If the current occupant of the White House wants this arch he should build it at Mar-a-Lago with his OWN money NOT that of the Taxpayers! Loyalty to the Nation overrides Personal Gratification! We, the People, say NO ARCH!

Name: Elizabeth Morton
Date: July 3, 2026 4:02:11 pm

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed New Monumental Arch and to object to the approval process to date. This project is neither appropriate nor ready to advance forward.

I am a Washington, DC resident with a Master's (UNC) and PhD (MIT) in City Planning focused on civic design and preservation. I have served on several public art commissions and am a former member of the Arlington Planning Commission. I have received training on Section 106 from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and have served as an expert panel member on a Section 106 study for the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine.

With respect to the project, the design and location of the proposed arch are significant departures from the founding planning principles and protected viewsheds that make Washington a world-class capital. The arch would permanently disrupt the deliberately low-scale axis linking the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House, an axis symbolizing the aspiration for a reunified North and South after the Civil War. The arch would distort the established monumental hierarchy by inserting a dramatically out-of-scale structure standing more than twice the height of the Lincoln Memorial. And, with its overwhelming size and gilded ornamentation, the arch would degrade the reverential character of Arlington National Cemetery. These are just a few of the ways, acknowledged in the NPS Assessment of Effects Report, that the undertaking would diminish the integrity of setting, design, feeling, and association for these irreplaceable National Register resources.

With respect to the process, this proposal has been irregular and inadequate, and as such the project should not even be considered for approval.

1. Under the Commemorative Works Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 8901–8909), Congress must first approve commemorative works on federal land; moreover, projects in Area I (reserved for commemorative works of "preeminent historical and lasting significance to the United States") require a separate specific Congressional authorization (40 U.S.C. §8908). No such authorization exists.
2. This project should not have been submitted (and approved) by the Commission of Fine Arts before Section 106 was even initiated and before critical aspects of the project were made public.
3. There are six prominent architecture, civic and preservation groups with relevant perspectives and expertise that requested consulting status that were not included to date; NPS noted their request and should have considered their views. Moreover, there is an array of Arlington and Virginia stakeholders, thus far excluded from the process, who deserve to weigh in.
4. The rushed ten-day review period (June 5-15, 2026) for public input was inadequate for a project of this magnitude, a

project that NPS acknowledges would adversely affect multiple significant properties in the monumental core, along with potential archaeological resources.

5. A no-build option and alternative, more suitable, locations have not been explored.

Finally, the project is likely to cause serious traffic and mobility disruption in a major road system linking population and economic centers in Arlington and throughout the DMV region; these far-reaching impacts need further analysis and mitigation. As a regular driver through Memorial Circle, I appreciate the way the Circle serves as a scenic asset and cultural landscape - providing an orderly opportunity for reflection on the dignified Arlington National Cemetery entrance and the stately monuments across the bridge. Getting through the Circle safely and smoothly, however, requires good visibility across the Circle and a coherent traffic flow with predictable yields; these qualities would be marred by what NPS has estimated would be 2-3 years of 20-hour-per-day construction. The ultimate impacts of anticipated arch tourists (flowing through and into the Circle), on both commuters and those trying to peacefully pay their respects to their loved ones in Arlington Cemetery, also need to be more thoroughly studied and mitigated.

Given the scale of this proposed project and the inadequate analysis to date of impacts and mitigation to date, it is unlikely that this project can proceed in Memorial Circle without adverse effects far outweighing its benefit. I urge the Commission to not advance this proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Elizabeth Morton

Name: Sally Neary

Date: July 3, 2026 4:03:05 pm

I oppose any arch or monument. Trump has already ravaged our White House and shouldn't be allowed to do further damage.

Name: Nancy Sheran

Date: July 3, 2026 4:10:24 pm

I looked at the images describing the proposed Monumental Arch in Washington, D.C. on the cfa.gov website.

Although the design is meant to impress, striking awe and admiration in the observer, I was not impressed. I find the design backward-looking, pompous, clunky, and ostentatious, not beautiful and inspiring. It's not up to modern-day standards.

Its symbolism seems ill conceived. Its placement is non-functional. An arch is meant to move through, this arch is a dead-end, the end of the line when moving from the living part of Washington DC to the cemetery. I hope that this placement is not symbolic!

I am not an art expert, I'm just telling you how I feel when I look at those images.

It would be a waste of taxpayer money and effort to erect it.

Name: Cynthia Schoen

Date: July 3, 2026 4:11:03 pm

Please don't build a monumental arch. We the people need money spent on our National Parks and Monuments not building an arch to remind us of the awful leadership in office right now. Put the money where the people want and need it!!

Name: RON McDANIEL
Date: July 3, 2026 4:35:19 pm

I am strongly opposed to the construction of the proposed "Triumphal Arch" near Arlington National Cemetery (or anywhere else in DC for that matter) This archaic ego trip is totally un-american in both its intent and execution. It will defile both the Lincoln Memorial and the Arlington Cemetery, and detract from the other meaningful memorials in DC to our truly great forefathers. No truly independent Board member with a knowledge of history and Urban planning could possibly vote to approve this egotistical addition to the DC environment. PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE this monstrosity!

Name: Judith Nechols
Date: July 3, 2026 4:37:08 pm

Please vote against the construction of the ridiculous proposed arch, a monument to the ego of a failed president. It is too large, blocks the view from the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington. It detracts from the respectful white headstones of those who served our country. Nothing should take away from honoring them, and this eyesore of an arch will do just that. America does not need an arch among all of the tasteful memorials in DC. This project is a huge waste of taxpayer money and will detract from the solemn beauty of Arlington National Cemetery.

Name: Gabe Romero
Date: July 3, 2026 5:08:09 pm

What is this arch suppose to be triumphant about? Inflation? Or is it just a vanity project for someone who wants to pretend they were a great military leader? Typically, you don't build a war memorial until the war is over and you either win, or it's a solemn monument. Needless to say I don't think this is warranted, interesting, necessary, or tasteful. Yet another reminder that our tax money is wasted on wars instead of doing good things like Healthcare, education, or protecting human rights.

Name: Frank Kahoun
Date: July 3, 2026 5:20:50 pm

I am strongly against this new monument. It will block a long established beautiful view. In today's world we need to celebrate peace and diplomacy not violence and death! God bless America and all serving in its name.

Sincerely
Frank Kahoun

Name: James Capp
Date: July 3, 2026 5:29:34 pm

I don't believe the arch aligns with master planning, especially as it casts shadows on monuments and cemeteries. Please do not support the arch. Instead, focus resources on addressing deferred maintenance issues for existing infrastructure — and support long-planned projects. Do not proceed with the arch.

Name: Frank Wheeler
Date: July 3, 2026 5:32:00 pm

I do not know how anyone would consider a monumental for a Convict. Do you care about America.

Name: Deborah Steele
Date: July 3, 2026 5:40:00 pm

Dear Commissioners,

I have submitted many statements summing up my opposition to the proposed arch without mentioning the elephants in the room. But now I shall:

1) The President has appointed individuals to the commission who, he is confident, will approve any project he submits for review. You are not there because of your knowledge or expertise. You are not there to objectively review the feasibility of a project. You are not there to take into consideration the response of the public at large. You are not there to consider the righteousness of a proposal in a specific space. You are not there to work in accordance with the Commemorative Works Act. You are not there to uphold the memory and honor of all of the men and women buried in Arlington Cemetery. You are there to say YES, and have already demonstrated your willingness to do so.

2) You are blindingly supporting a project proposed by a man that claims to have written the best seller, "The Art of the Deal". When in fact, the book was written by Tony Schwartz. We don't know if Mr. Trump has even read the book. Think about it - the story of the "Great Negotiator" was made up by someone else.

3) You will be flagrantly ignoring the Height of Buildings Act of 1910. Just because the Secretary of the Interior says height restrictions in the District of Columbia do not apply to federal buildings, doesn't mean it's true. After all, he was appointed to his position because he - like you all - is there to ignore reality and make the President's dreams come true.

4. The Reflecting Pool debacle should be cause for concern and caution. A blatant example of creating a bigger problem than had previously existed. All the while stating that "he alone can fix it".

You might be tempted to claim that my comments were written by a partisan hack. To that I say, the truth is not partisan, that is until now

In closing I want to remind you that the drive across Memorial Bridge as it is now, has been created by thoughtful minds that have respected, revered, and honored those people that have fought for, defended, and in in many cases lost their lives to uphold and strengthen our Democracy. Please do not dishonor the lives we have lost as well as the majority of Americans that are opposed to this inappropriate plan.

Sincerely,
Deborah Jones-Steele


Washington, DC 20009

Name: George Limpert
Date: July 3, 2026 5:45:46 pm

The rationale for the Triumphal Arch at Memorial Circle violates all of the principles of the founding fathers and breaks with the precedents set by George Washington himself.

To honor our national principles we should NOT "draw on the historic Roman precedent of erecting freestanding arches to celebrate civic achievement." Roman principles of glorifying combat, conquest and conquerors are not American principles. Our principles are those of the Renaissance, the Enlightenment, and possibly the Protestant Reformation.

The NPS stated purpose of the proposed action is a fabricated prevarication (a lie). This is a self-aggrandizing project of Donald J Trump, a draft dodger who has shown no valor or sacrifice for his country, being fast tracked before he is removed from office, to magnify his perception of himself and to ensure no one driving across Arlington Memorial Bridge ever forgets him, after he has been removed from office. No similar architectural monstrosity was created in Washington DC for our national Bicentennial Celebration.

If Executive Order 14252, Making the District of Columbia Safe and Beautiful, is true to its word, then it would reduce the size, height and placement of the monument (or cancel without question the entire project) due to how the current proposal makes the flight and landing paths of military and civilian aircraft in Washington UNSafe.

Name: Eric Ward
Date: July 3, 2026 5:45:59 pm

Do not approve new monumental arch

Name: Ann King

Date: July 3, 2026 5:46:00 pm

Dear Sirs/Madams:

In regard to the proposed Monumental Arch, I am absolutely against this construction. The destruction of the East Wing of the White House, the bungling of the Reflection Pool, and the hijacking of the John F. Kennedy Center (to name only a few) all point to the likely outcome that this vanity project by and for Donald J. Trump will surely lead to desecration.

This land is my land. It belongs to me and every other American. This beautiful, symbolic and sacred space in our nation's capital should not be absconded by a president who seemingly seeks to glorify himself.

I demand that you use the power of your appointed offices in service of the American people and put a stop to this ridiculous project.

Thank you for your time.

Ann e. King

Name: Patricia Kimble

Date: July 3, 2026 5:56:26 pm

As the wife of a veteran and daughter of a veteran, I ask you to please stop the creation of a Triumphal Arch. I have not spoken to even one veteran at my American Legion facility who wants this or approved if it. The graves are what memorializes the service of our veterans. The arch is gaudy and serves no purpose. Please do not allow this to go forward against the wishes of America's veterans. It's all for Trump's show. Do not denigrate these holy grounds.

Name: Barbara Brussell

Date: July 3, 2026 6:17:55 pm

Please do not allow Trump's Triumphal Arch to be built and do irreparable harm to our nation's capital. He has already ruined the White House. This proposed monument to his ego would be another disaster and one you can prevent. Please do not allow it to be built.

Name: Judith Kraemer

Date: July 3, 2026 6:23:56 pm

Most Americans oppose this unnecessary arch! Americans deserve a supportive government that spends our tax money wisely and not waste it on ego projects. Do not approve of anymore such projects.

Name: Marianne Gorsich

Date: July 3, 2026 7:04:48 pm

Please vote no on this Arch. It is not in keeping with the other monuments, and nothing should impede the view and impact of Arlington Cemetery

Name: Gary Langston

Date: July 3, 2026 8:07:51 pm

July 2, 2026

National Capital Planning Commission

Subject: Triumphal Arch – Remarks for Oral Testimony on 9 July 2026

Thank you for this opportunity to speak again.

Today's comments are focused on the Section 106 Review Results, and informed by conversations with multiple members of Congress, as well as Gold Star family members, I've met or heard from recently. I've been encouraged to speak out by all of them, to inform more of the American People about how the Arch would harm these hallowed grounds. Even former Washington Post Publisher Don Graham weighed in on this in a Facebook Post, encouraging residents and Visitors to Washington to view the Eternal Flame at night from across the Potomac, before the Arch or its lighting blocks or overwhelms that uniquely Washington experience.

I am a Retired Army Officer and a Washingtonian. My parents, interred in section 66, were a Vietnam Veteran and his "Army Wife", a Nurse. My wife served for 9 years and is a Combat Veteran of the Persian Gulf War.

I visit the Cemetery often and have walked to the ground at the affected locations on multiple occasions, including after reviewing all the documents your staff posted online. I would happily walk these grounds again with anyone who is interested, because seeing in person and hearing Veteran stories is essential to understanding the issue.

1. The Direct Effects Boundary in Drawing #1 is misleading. The Assessment of Effects Report defines the Direct Effects Boundary in a way that ignores impacts to Sections 55, 56, 57, 60, 66, 73, 74, 75, and 76, where many Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and GWOT era are and are being interred or inurned in the Niche Wall. The renderings from the proposed Viewing Platform skip over a portion of the view in the Southwest direction looking over these sections and so fail to illustrate the problem. My comments about this during the Section 106 review have apparently been rejected or not considered. My overall comment was that the "Direct Effects Boundary" should be adjusted to include all sections of the Cemetery that have line of sight to the Arch. Limiting the assessment to only National Historic Landmarks is misleading.

2. No "Leaf-Off" Renderings. Additionally, by not providing "leaf-off" renderings, you are not taking into account the significant changes to the Arlington Cemetery viewshed in Winter. I noted that at least one of the Historic Preservation experts made this same comment. This will show additional impact to the Taft Memorial in Section 30, and sections 36A, 51 and 53 to the North of Memorial Avenue, as well as a more severe impact to sections 55, 56, 57, 60, 66 and 73-76. The effect is that both active funerals and visits by loved ones in these sections will have a Viewing Platform that overlooks many existing, and many yet to be dug, gravesites.

3. Given this, I believe that Table 1 in the Assessment of Effects Report, with its NRHP Designations, has overlooked an important impact that should be considered. And as several Veterans and Gold Star Families have shared with me, just as important as the tone and solemnity of the formal entrance to Arlington Cemetery is, so too is the solemn environment of the actual gravesite locations. This reiterates the issue that the Triumphal Arch is a Monument, not a Memorial, and therefore the proposed location of Memorial Circle is in direct conflict with the Purpose of the Triumphal Arch, due to its impact on Arlington Cemetery.

Impact/Why this is Very Important: several Veterans have described this as having the Arch's Viewing Platform "Looming Over" the graves of their loved ones, spoiling the experience. My written statement includes a photo to better illustrate the problem.

4. As many of you know, it wasn't that many years ago that Arlington Cemetery was suffering from both mismanagement and a lack of capacity. Thankfully, large investments were made to both Restore Honor and acquire more land. We need to build upon that support and continue to address the space/capacity issue.

But we need to find an alternative site for a Monument to our Democracy.

5. The best way to ensure that modifications to Memorial Circle support, rather than insult, Arlington Cemetery, is to fully collaborate on site selection and design with affected stakeholders (as the Section 106 process is intended to do), and present the project to the American People via the Congress for approval.

Thank you for YOUR service here, recognizing that many folks working on this project are Veterans, have family interred at Arlington, or both. I welcome your questions and would welcome the opportunity to host a walk to the several sections I mentioned in my comments.

With Respect,

/s/

Gary E. Langston, Jr.

Attachment

Name: Nancy Mobley
Date: July 3, 2026 8:30:51 pm

This arch needs to be located somewhere else.

Name: ALAN GOLDSMITH
Date: July 3, 2026 8:34:47 pm

This arch will spoil DC. It's not authentic American. Just a tacky imitation of Paris arch. Waste of money to flatter Trump

Name: Patricia Morris
Date: July 3, 2026 9:20:46 pm

This outlandish structure will overwhelm the beautiful dignity and historical importance of the existing monuments, whose structure and placement / relationship to each other speak more loudly than could any "triumphant arch" as to what's most noble about America. This does not represent our country in any meaningful way.

Please, please don't allow our capital to be desecrated in this way! If President Trump wants an arch it might work very well at his future library but it doesn't belong in Washington.

Name: Janet Lunde
Date: July 3, 2026 9:34:53 pm

The mall area of Washington, DC has been beautifully designed, and carefully curated for years. My family visits DC once a year, and thoroughly enjoys walking through that area and visiting the many museums, monuments, and gardens.

Part of what keeps downtown DC so pleasing is the careful attention that has been paid to keeping things in proportion. The Capitol dome and the classic obelisk of the Washington Monument dominate the skyline. It's a national treasure.

Building an enormous arch would completely throw off the classic balance and harmony and detract enormously from the appeal of the area. I was already struck in a previous visit by how out-of-scale and awkward the new flagpole by the White House is. I shudder to think what the White House will look like with the enormous ballroom.

This arch is completely unnecessary and will look ridiculous.

Name: Cynthia Barnes
Date: July 3, 2026 10:42:36 pm

I am opposed to the Trump arch. It is not appropriate to build a monument to a president still in office.

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Name: Valerie Silver

Date: July 4, 2026 12:23:32 am

No single individual should be permitted to build a garish, towering monument to himself on public lands in the nation's capital. Our national parks and monuments belong to the American people; they are not pieces of private real estate to be developed at any one individual's whim. Placement of this arch would do irreparable harm to the sanctity and historic design of Arlington Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial. Please do not fund this unworthy project. Stand with the overwhelming majority of Americans who do not want this arch to be built. Please preserve and safeguard these revered historic and cultural sites in Washington D.C. for generations to come.

Name: Siobhan Dove

Date: July 4, 2026 12:23:41 am

Letting this continue to happen is giving rump carte blanche to our country!!! He is not King and hopefully won't never be!!! He has torn our country apart and when are we going to stop this madness!!!!!!??????

Name: Gordon Ernst Gordon Ernst

Date: July 4, 2026 8:09:56 am

We don't need this new monument, that is simply a testament to Donald Trump's ego. Right now we need to work on getting universal health care to everyone in the country that needs it; in other words it needs to be available. We also need to restore any cuts to funds for food programs and so on. My point is there's a lot of more important things that need to be done with the money that would end up being spent on this new monument.

Name: anna silton

Date: July 4, 2026 9:11:28 am

Shame to those that would approve an arch to interfere with the sacredness of Arlington National Cemetery.

There has been no reason given for the erection of said arch that would exemplify the honor of those American dead who lie within the cemetery.

Please do not desecrate our landscape.

Name: Benjamin Krug

Date: July 4, 2026 9:23:37 am

The proposed construction of an Arch to be located on a traffic circle on Columbia Island should not move forward. No funding has been approved by Congress. Significant negative public response has not been addressed. The construction would block the view between Arlington National Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial, which was carefully designed to symbolize the unification of the country after the Civil War. Something that significant cannot be swept away because of a presidential vanity project. Do NOT approve the construction of the Arch.

Name: Sue McCormick
Date: July 4, 2026 9:36:36 am

Dear Capital Committee,

I'm writing to comment on the side projects that are going on at the White House, the adding of an golden eagle to the Truman Balcony, something gold is coming for the columns, the current president seems to think he can do as he pleases with the Peoples House, these actions are unacceptable and your committee should be putting them forth for a vote and public comment.

Since all these DIY projects are not listed under your agenda, I had to select the Arch , which is another useless unwanted project, purely vanity by the CURRENT president, who thinks he can turn DC into his own version of his gilded self, which is shiny on the outside and no heart on the inside.

Please stop whatever projects are happening and build the east wing back, no one needs a ballroom.....

Thank you for your time.

Sue McCormick

Name: Geraldine Conrad
Date: July 4, 2026 10:14:29 am

Complicit Trump cult members must protect our country, not acquiesce to this man. I doubt any will show courage but perhaps one or two might put USA ahead of those who honor Trump, not our country.

Name: Victoria Lucarini
Date: July 4, 2026 10:16:02 am

I do not want my tax dollars spent for this arch. It is not needed

Name: Marcia Watt
Date: July 4, 2026 10:20:19 am

Marcia Hepford Watt
[REDACTED]
Skaneateles, New York 13152

July 4, 2026

U.S. Commission of Fine Arts
401 F Street, NW, Suite 312
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Proposed Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway

To The Chairman and Members of the Commission:

I am writing as a concerned American Citizen to express my objection to the proposed design and placement of a Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway near Arlington Cemetery and in the viewshed of this sacred cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial.

While attending law school at The George Washington University I gained a great appreciation for the design of our

Nation's Capital and its Memorials. The first time my husband and I brought our elementary and middle school aged children to Washington DC, we made our first stop Arlington Cemetery, so that they could take in the awesome vista from the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, overlooking the solemn and simple graves of the fallen, and look across the Potomac River, which separated the country in the Civil War, to see the bridge to the Lincoln Memorial. This view, which allows one to truly appreciate the relationship between Arlington House, the Memorial Bridge and the Lincoln Memorial, creates a special place for remembrance of the Civil War and the reunification of our Country in its aftermath and the ultimate sacrifice made by so many before and after to secure our freedom, as well as providing a beautiful, unobstructed view of our thoughtfully designed capital city.

Although I have a legal rather than design background, I served for several years on my local government's Architectural and Preservation Review Board reviewing many residential, commercial and municipal design plans for compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Historic Properties. Thus, I recognize the importance of the legally required review process and approvals, as well as the need for a thorough review and understanding of the design, size and scale of a project relative to its surrounding environment.

I endorse the comments of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and urge you to follow the proper legal process to review this project and to take into consideration the adverse impact of the location, size and scale of the proposed Monumental Arch on the existing Memorials and views at Arlington Cemetery and on the Lincoln Memorial, which will be significantly diminished by the presence of an arch that is double its size.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Marcia Hepford Watt

Name: Patrice McGrath
Date: July 4, 2026 11:27:04 am

This project is a waste of tax payer money. Nothing should overshadow Arlington.

Name: Laura Blau
Date: July 4, 2026 12:04:46 pm

First, no monument should be built to honor a living person, no matter what the office they hold; anything less is purely political and not in the nation's interest or the interest of ALL american citizens. This project is steeped in unabashed political partisanship and is a shameful symbol of individual hubris. This president, teh least popular in nearly a century, should not get a monument to his ego. It is completely contrary to what the nation's mall is supposed to serve.

Now onto the design and historical issues that make this a bad idea.

One of America's most sacred landscapes, the vista from the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House communicates the magnitude of the Civil War, the obligation its unimaginable cost imposes on all Americans, and the aspiration of a post-Civil War reconciliation in a new birth of freedom.

It is because this viewshed carries so much meaning to the country that the National Trust has raised concerns about the proposed Monumental Arch, whose scale, location, and design will disrupt this important visual and symbolic vista.

In addition, the Arch will dwarf the Lincoln Memorial and disrupt the long, open, and uninterrupted viewsheds, overwhelming the entry to Arlington National Cemetery—the hallowed resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families and a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice, selfless service, and national unity, all within sight of the monumental core of the Nation's Capital.

Name: Ruth Mennitt
Date: July 4, 2026 2:01:10 pm

Please, please stop the madness of re-making our capital. The proposed location for this arch is inappropriate, cramming it in where there is not room, and upsetting the visual "balance" of its surrounding.

If this arch must be made, find a better place for it!

Name: Pam Pampe

Date: July 4, 2026 2:16:42 pm

The Destruction around the People's House (White House) is already garish and inappropriate. Please do not allow this arch to be built. Please have the courage to decline this arch. Save the views on the mall.

Pamela M. Pampe

Name: Deborah Crocker

Date: July 4, 2026 4:03:25 pm

Another slap in the face to the American people!!'

Our programs have been cut, prices are UP on Everything etc. though we were lied to on day 1 they were coming down. People are stretched to the Max!!!

Also our dollar is devalued, inflation is up, tariffs are all over the place and we are sitting on about a 40 TRILLION dollar debt!!!

Meanwhile the guy in the White House on top of all this, Expects We the American people to cover All of his Frivolous spending on Himself!!!!???

His Golfing, remodeling His "gifted" Plane, His Ballroom, His Reflecting Pool, His Arch, etc. etc.

Enough Already!!!

A Resounding Hell No to one more thing!

Name: Virginia Diezel

Date: July 4, 2026 4:57:10 pm

The arch is yet another vanity project, in my opinion, for a man whose ego knows no bounds. It is quite clear that he intends to spread himself around Washington, so that no one forgets about his presence. To erect this arch at the gateway to Arlington National Cemetery is to desecrate the hallowed ground of those who have given their lives in service to our nation, and to inflict suffering upon the families whose loved ones are buried there. Trump actively avoided the draft for Vietnam , and has frequently demeaned those who serve and have served, particularly during WWII. No structure of any kind should be built to honor someone who chooses not to honor other Americans.

Name: Donna Goode

Date: July 4, 2026 4:57:36 pm

This arch will be a blight on the landscape of our national capital. It is unnecessary, and merely serves as a vanity project for a president who has the lowest presidential approval rating in modern history. It is especially inappropriate to consider placing such an atrocity anywhere near our sacred Arlington Cemetery. I beg of you, please do not permit this!

Name: Marjorie Feldman

Date: July 4, 2026 4:59:23 pm

Do not spend one penny of my tax money to bolster Trump's ego. He is mentally ill and needs treatment, drugs and confined rehabilitation before he goes to prison for the crimes he has been convicted of. Stop him!!!

Name: Jane Waxman
Date: July 4, 2026 6:52:06 pm

I oppose the construction of any type of "monumental arch". No one wants it or his billion dollar ballroom. He is destroying the beautiful city of Washington, DC with monuments to himself and his disastrous presidency. The design is inappropriately huge and grandiose, a waste of current and future taxpayers' money, and will permanently scar the federal landscape of both Arlington and Washington. Trump doesn't get to spend taxpayer money and junk up the city any way he wants.

Name: Joy Sears
Date: July 4, 2026 6:52:25 pm

Do not approve the arch! Its an affront to everyone especially the veterans cemetery. The United States doesn't need it and its only for Trump. We taxpayers can not afford this construction nor the upkeep!

Name: Lori Jansson
Date: July 4, 2026 7:22:06 pm

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed monument arch honoring President Donald J. Trump.

I do not believe a monument of this scale dedicated to a modern political figure is appropriate in any location. However, placing it at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery is especially disturbing. Arlington is one of our nation's most sacred places. It exists to honor the men and women who served, sacrificed, and gave their lives for our country. The focus should remain on them—not on any individual president.

I also question why such an honor should be given to someone who never served in the military and whose public comments about military service have, at times, been viewed by many veterans and military families as disrespectful. Regardless of political views, Arlington should remain a place that brings Americans together in honoring those who served, not a place associated with political figures or division.

The cost of constructing and maintaining such a massive monument is another serious concern. Taxpayer dollars would be far better spent preserving Arlington National Cemetery, maintaining existing memorials, and supporting veterans and military families than building an unnecessary monument.

Arlington National Cemetery belongs to all Americans. Its entrance should reflect humility, service, sacrifice, and remembrance—not the legacy of any one political leader. I respectfully urge you to reject this proposal and preserve the dignity and purpose of this national shrine.

Name: Robert Dellinger
Date: July 4, 2026 7:46:15 pm

I oppose the proposed arch. It is too ostentatious. It will interfere with the appreciation of existing monuments. And it has no anchoring person or event to make it honorable. It is simply the pet project of one man without consent of others.

Name: Ann Rockwell
Date: July 4, 2026 9:00:17 pm

Can t. Rump stop defacing America??

He has never been able to successfully design anything; anything he changes is of low/poor grade craftsmanship and design (no design!)

Architects and planners have carefully, slowly, thoughtfully designed our Monuments

T.Rump degrades and destroys Everything he touches

This is just another ugly, out of scale, ill located, not needed or wanted for any purpose-American monuments are for the People, not a small ego.

No more t.Rump disasters to our Nation of Beauty!

Name: Mary Ann Viveros

Date: July 4, 2026 10:15:50 pm

The proposed monumental arch is costly, oversized and garish. It will overwhelm important sites like the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery and block views. It doesn't serve any purpose other than to cost the taxpayers millions of dollars that would be better spent on much-needed work like maintaining our neglected national parks. As far as I know we've never built a monument to honor a sitting president, and there's no need for this. Please don't approve this plan!

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Total comments: 15

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Name: Dale Oak

Date: July 5, 2026 10:08:25 am

My name is Dale Oak, and I have been a resident of Northern Virginia for nearly 40 years. I strongly oppose the proposed construction of the "Triumphal Arch."

Arlington National Cemetery, the Lincoln Memorial, and the surrounding area hold profound meaning for those of us who visit them frequently and reflect on the unique American story they represent. The arch's proposed location between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery/Lee House will obstruct the line of sight between these important historical landmarks. Given its size and placement, the arch would undermine the vision held by the original planners, architects, and designers of the National Capital's monuments and memorials.

The establishment in 1864 of the Cemetery on Robert E. Lee's land in a direct line of sight to the Lincoln Memorial is historically significant. The unobstructed vista is an invitation to visitors at both locations to reflect on the high cost of war and the significance of post-Civil War reconciliation. Constructing the proposed arch at Memorial Circle would interrupt this powerful visual connection. It would also dishonor the memory of the 430,000 veterans buried at Arlington National Cemetery, including 16,000 Civil War veterans.

I also have practical objections to placing an arch at Memorial Circle. The Circle is a high-traffic interchange that is potentially risky to pedestrians and bikers who may wish to visit the site. In addition, a 250-foot-high arch could increase risk to air traffic heading into and out of Reagan National Airport.

At the very minimum, any monument of this scale built on federal grounds should be subject to congressional review and authorization. Congressional action is in keeping with our Nation's long-standing principle that the citizens' elected representatives should approve, by law, major public projects. Absent such approval, the proposed arch should not be built.

[Attachment](#)

Name: Tammy Evans

Date: July 5, 2026 10:12:44 am

I do not think that the current Presidents name should be attributed to the entrance to our military service members cemetery.

It would be a desecration of all they fought for in service.

Something the current President obviously doesn't understand or support.

Name: John Ayers

Date: July 5, 2026 12:59:09 pm

Please see attached. Thank you.

John

[Attachment](#)

Name: Gail Leona

Date: July 5, 2026 2:13:51 pm

I am submitting my comment against the building of the si-called monumental arch proposed for the entrance to the Arlington National Cemetery. It is wholly inappropriate to build a vanity project glorifying a convicted felony on public land. As I understand it, he owns several parcels of land already with his name on it, and that arch would be more appropriate there. No public funds must be spent on this or any other glorification project.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Kimball Hamilton
Date: July 5, 2026 2:31:51 pm

Please do not indulge the ego with a monstrosity. If the President is worthy of a memorial arch, let it happen, if deserved, when he is a memory and not while he is alive. I doubt he will measure up deserving but if he does, so be it.

Name: Jeff Davis
Date: July 5, 2026 2:43:41 pm

The arch is just another example of the fact that everything is about him. He couldn't care less about the sacred ground that this will disrupt.

Name: Paige Oliveira
Date: July 5, 2026 3:19:27 pm

I am writing to adamantly oppose the Triumphal Arch build. Firstly the scale of such a gargantuan piece in the location it is planned simply lacks taste and will likely be an eye sore rather than a great monument. More importantly its placement shadows over one of our greatest and most somber spots in the capital, the Arlington National Cemetery. The gregariousness of a gigantic monument celebrating "a American achievement" juxtaposes, in an extremely negative and offensive way, the quiet reverence that once should hold for all those laid to rest in the cemetery. To put is simply, this is blatantly disrespectful. Please consider and respect those who have given so much more to this country than most of us can fathom and do not erect this glaring insult to their memory.

Name: Tyler Miles
Date: July 5, 2026 3:36:06 pm

I am writing to adamantly oppose the Triumphal Arch build. Firstly the scale of such a gargantuan piece in the location it is planned simply lacks taste and will likely be an eye sore rather than a great monument. More importantly its placement shadows over one of our greatest and most somber spots in the capital, the Arlington National Cemetery. The gregariousness of a gigantic monument celebrating "a American achievement" juxtaposes, in an extremely negative and offensive way, the quiet reverence that once should hold for all those laid to rest in the cemetery. To put is simply, this is blatantly disrespectful. Please consider and respect those who have given so much more to this country than most of us can fathom and do not erect this glaring insult to their memory.

Name: Georgette Constant
Date: July 5, 2026 3:44:05 pm

Thank you for this opportunity.

The scale of the arch is much too large, but beyond that is the placement. The visual and symbolic aspect of the vista as an uninterrupted view from the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington Cemetery is a central design element and is vital view that carries meaning and is sacred.

It would be impossible for me to be more not in favor of this, in my view, foolish addition proposal.

Sincerely,

Georgette Constant
Norfolk, VA

Name: Katherine Zieger
Date: July 5, 2026 4:04:16 pm

NO ARCH!!!!

Name: Richard Zieger
Date: July 5, 2026 4:14:45 pm

No arch, There is no reason for this.

Name: Kenlee Ray
Date: July 5, 2026 5:04:09 pm

I respectfully but firmly oppose the proposed New Monumental Arch on Memorial Avenue in Washington, DC. The project is wholly inappropriate for one of the most solemn and symbolically important landscapes in the United States.

Arlington Memorial Bridge was designed to unite the Lincoln Memorial with the South, represented by Arlington House, formerly the home of General Lee. The proposed arch would obstruct the historic sightline between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington House, and President Kennedy's eternal flame—an alignment that carries deep national meaning. Introducing a massive new structure into this corridor would diminish, rather than enhance the commemorative purpose of the area.

The proposed arch also raises serious safety and operational concerns. Its scale and placement would interfere with the flight path for aircraft approaching Reagan National Airport. It would further complicate an already congested roadway network, increasing confusion for drivers and creating new hazards for pedestrians. The likelihood of motorists slowing or stopping to photograph the structure would add unnecessary risk in a high traffic zone.

For these reasons, I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to reject this concept and preserve the integrity of Memorial Avenue, Arlington Memorial Bridge, Arlington National Cemetery, and the surrounding monumental core.

Kenlee Ray
Washington, DC

Name: Valerie Altfater
Date: July 5, 2026 5:30:35 pm

To Whom it May Concern,

As an American citizen, I can't stay silent while a proposed Triumphal Arch threatens to forever harm the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery and our beloved United States Capitol, Washington DC.

There is absolutely no benefit to American citizens for this vanity project of Trump's. The majority of Americans DO NOT support this waste of our hard earned tax dollars! Nor do we want it to be part of our beloved & historical Capitol landscape. The many polls showing that the majority of Americans do not approve of what this Administration & President are doing speak for themselves.

The corruption, waste, & illegal actions taken by this Administration are truly appalling. It started with the illegal destruction of the beautiful, historic East Wing of the White House with no regard for following proper guidelines for making any changes to the People's White House and grounds, which is unbelievably appalling & heartbreaking. And has continued ever since during this current lawless Republican-led majority Administration.

I hope the National Capitol Planning Commission will make the right decision and not allow this Trump Arch Vanity

project to move forward.
Once it's built, there's no going back.
Concerned American citizen,
Valerie D Altfater

Name: Dean DaSilva
Date: July 5, 2026 6:36:40 pm

Under no circumstances should that arch be constructed anywhere. We don't build monuments for petulant, diseased old men such as Donald. Furthermore, if constructed I will support any legislation or action for its permanent demolition

Name: Stacy Spies
Date: July 5, 2026 8:38:20 pm

The design of the Monumental Arch as proposed will adversely impact Arlington National Cemetery, the Lincoln Memorial, and the intentional viewshed along Arlington Memorial Bridge that connects the two historic resources. I am architectural historian with a master's degree in historic preservation and 32 years of experience in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the National Register of Historic Places.

The visual connection between Arlington National Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial is intentional and symbolic. In line with the 1902 McMillan Plan, the connection articulates the reunification of our country in spite of our distant and seemingly-irreconcilable viewpoints. Insertion of the proposed Monumental Arch into this artistic dialogue disrupts and disturbs this relationship. The proposed colossal arch visually and symbolically impedes this dialogue.

The Commemorative Works Act signed into law by President Ronald Reagan in 1986, requires that the proposed designs "not interfere with, or encroach on, an existing commemorative work," and "to the maximum extent practicable, [that] it protects open space, existing public use, and cultural and natural resources." The proposed arch in fact does interfere with and encroach upon an existing commemorative work.

I urge the Department of the Interior to reconsider the execution of this intrusive design.

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Name: Cathryn Corey
Date: July 6, 2026 12:43:42 am

Do not build an Arch

It is a waste of taxpayer money that
desecrates the Lincoln Monument and Arlington National Cemetery!

It is no aesthetic value whatsoever.

Name: Jean Givens
Date: July 6, 2026 5:27:44 am

I am profoundly opposed to the proposed New Monumental Arch. The location of the project would destroy the long-established relationship between Arlington Cemetery and the major monuments in Washington--and with this move--destroy the profoundly moving statement currently established by that relationship. The scale of the project would be problematic in any location in the city. It dwarfs all earlier monuments and presumes to elevate the current president above his predecessors. This elevation of a living president above the historical elders does not respect the nation's history and the tradition of only placing a president's image or name on monuments after a president's death. Buildings speak to the present and future generations. We as a nation are caretakers of that message. This project conveys a message that does not respect our nation's history. It must not be constructed at this moment. And if it's considered for future construction, the decision is one that must engage a full community of citizens and caretakers.

Name: Judy Chesser
Date: July 6, 2026 8:15:09 am

Attached are the written comments of the Committee of 100. Thank you.

[Attachment](#)

Name: Andrea Walden
Date: July 6, 2026 8:30:19 am

Please do not allow Trump to build an Arch as some kind of tribute to himself or as a way for him to leave a mark on Washington D.C. He had done enough to ruin long standing buildings/landmarks in D.C. Trump should not be able to proceed with any such moves without approval. Thank you

Name: Patricia Jarrett
Date: July 6, 2026 9:03:16 am

The arch is yet another vanity project, in my opinion, for a man whose ego knows no bounds. It is quite clear that he intends to spread himself around Washington, so that no one forgets about his presence. To erect this arch at the gateway to Arlington National Cemetery is to desecrate the hallowed ground of those who have given their lives in service to our nation, and to inflict suffering upon the families whose loved ones are buried there. Trump actively avoided the draft for Vietnam and has frequently demeaned those who serve and have served, particularly during WWII. No structure of any kind should be built to honor someone who chooses not to honor other Americans,

I believe his motives are self-serving to such a magnitude that it should not be ignored. He does not seem to see anything in any other way. It would be "see what I did" and the accompanying gold trim would make it identifiable as such. I was engaged to a veteran whose name is written on the Wall and I spent some time in D.C. as a chaperone of a 6th grade class when we lived in Maine. We visited so many important spots - The Cemetery for the changing of the guard, The Wall, Lincolns monument, Ford's Theater, drove past the White House and Congress and so much more. The monuments speak for themselves. In my humble position, I believe an arch is a vanity project and a gilded vanity project would not be in keeping with all the other "monuments" there are. The fact that there is such turmoil should be speaking volumes. Please consider my most humble request which comes from my heart. Thank you.

Name: Michelle Hoggatt
Date: July 6, 2026 9:42:21 am

I strongly oppose this Arch project. From the pictures of the proposed structure, it clearly disrupts the viewing link between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. It is also clearly completely out of scale with existing monuments.
I also oppose this as a waste of taxpayer dollars. When so many Americans are struggling to pay rent, buy food, and pay for healthcare, spending millions on a vanity project is obscene.

Name: Susan Schneider
Date: July 6, 2026 9:47:49 am

Ugly, ugly, ugly. Obnoxious in its size and style. Undeserved. A total waste of taxpayer resources.

Dangerous in that it is too near airspace entry to D.C. National Airport.

What a laughing stock this would be. It will join the damaged Reflecting Pool as another blight this administration has inflicted on D.C.

I say no to the proposed new monument.

Don't we build monuments, if at all, after the person to be honored is deceased?

Name: Robert Tettelbach
Date: July 6, 2026 10:59:05 am

I am a retired Air Force Lt Colonel who has friends buried in Arlington Cemetery. Donald Trump and his self aggrandizing Arch have no place in or near the sacred ground of Arlington Cemetery. Don't desecrate this hallowed place simply to make Trump happy. Arlington Cemetery and the National Mall belong to the American people and not a single narcissistic dictator. Stop this madness NOW and stop the Arch idea once and for all. Thank you.

Robert J Tettelbach, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)

Name: Naomi Weisman
Date: July 6, 2026 11:13:57 am

To whom it may concern:

Between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery sits Memorial Circle, one of the most sacred landscapes in the country. The view across Arlington Memorial Bridge was designed to connect these two places and honor the more than 400,000 veterans buried at Arlington. It belongs to every American.

Now the administration is planning a 250-foot Triumphal Arch at Memorial Circle. It would stand more than twice the

height of the Lincoln Memorial, taller than the Arc de Triomphe, permanently dominating the National Mall and looming over a cemetery where roughly 30 funeral services are held every day. A project without Congressional approval and that has skipped reviews.

Please do not approve this proposal to create an eyesore that will very much diminish the magnificent Capital area. Thank you.

Name: Mark Siegel

Date: July 6, 2026 11:59:32 am

This proposed structure will be an obscene blight on the entirety of the National Mall in general and a disgrace to the memory of those buried in Arlington Cemetery. It is an abomination and the antithesis of the values of this Nation. It should never be built and torn down as soon as possible if constructed.

Name: Timothy Rogers

Date: July 6, 2026 12:24:12 pm

Please do not approve the proposed Triumphal Arch. Bigger is not always better. Sometimes it's just tacky. And sometimes it doesn't reflect the values that make us great.

With a national debt of almost \$40T we have better things to spend money on.

We don't need a huge arch to make us proud of our nation.

Thank you.

Name: Cindy Oberg-Hauser

Date: July 6, 2026 12:30:23 pm

Please stop this taxpayer funded vanity project. Trump does not care about "honoring veterans". This is a monument to himself, paid for by taxpayers, just like the ballroom, the ridiculous cheap gilding of the White House interior. He has stolen from the American people to pad his ego and supposes this will represent his "glorious" legacy. The arch is only one more insane tribute he wants to make to himself on our dime. I deplore this committee to prohibit this egregious misuse.

Name: Dwight DuBois

Date: July 6, 2026 12:32:19 pm

Absolutely not. Do not allow the "New Monumental Arch" to be built. It is not needed and it is nothing more than another stroke for our pathologically narcissistic leaders' ego. It will be a blight on DC's landscape and a lingering joke once he is gone from the scene.

Do. Not. Allow. The. Arch. To. Be. Built.

Name: Cheryl Shushan

Date: July 6, 2026 12:38:17 pm

Please do NOT allow Trump's monumental arch be built on the current proposed site!!! It would ruin the aesthetics of the nearby area, monuments, and cemetery!!! It should not be built anywhere in D.C. since it is self aggrandizement for our most corrupt, unstable, inept president in our history!!

Name: Julie Weinstein

Date: July 6, 2026 12:45:58 pm

I am spent many hours walking the hallowed grounds of Washington D.C. I love the historic and grandiose history the city, it's buildings and it's monuments represent. However, I am 150% against the building of a new arch. The country is too divided and is struggling and to build it now would stand more as a symbol of 'let them eat cake' than a symbol of the glory of the US. NO ONE builds a monument in the middle of a war. I DO NOT WANT my tax dollars going to this. Instead I want them going to take care of the monuments we already have and to build up the cities and states that are currently struggling.

Name: Jill Bloom

Date: July 6, 2026 12:47:49 pm

I oppose the construction of an arch by the Lincoln Memorial or any other place on the National Mall. It would interfere with sight lines to Arlington Cemetery and detract from the viewing of the Memorial itself and the Washington Monument. I think it is a vanity project without the gravitas of the other monuments and an unnecessary expense, inconsistent with the real concerns of the American people. Thank you for considering my comment.

Name: Nicole Sameit

Date: July 6, 2026 12:52:19 pm

I am adamantly opposed to the building of this arch! Firstly, the heinous design and garishly grandiose scale are disruptive to the beauty of our nation's capital. It obstructs the view, symmetry and stands out like a fat middle finger to true patriots, the men and women who have sacrificed to build our Democracy. Secondly, our national debt is soaring under the Trump administration with no limit in sight. The people of America deserve their tax money to go towards programs that will benefit society- not another vanity project. We have wasted enough tax payers money on the president's self serving projects. Millions of our tax dollars were wasted building a ufc cage on the White House lawn- did any of that money directly benefit our citizens or only enrich a handful. Has the tax payers money spent marbling the Lincoln bedroom, replacing White House walkways just to have a darker contrast to columns, putting his face on coins, passports & park passes benefit the American people at all? Thirdly, every single renovation the Trump admin has overseen has been disastrous! Sidestepping the processes that ensure historic preservation, public input, legitimate bidding processes and overall respect of the office. The east wing is literally in ruins, the reflecting pond is a cess pool, Eleanor Roosevelt's rose garden is a paved lot! Stop the desecration by this administration of our nations treasures to build one man's ego at the literal expense of the American people.

Nicole Sameit

Sarasota, Fl 34236

Name: Bonny Becker

Date: July 6, 2026 1:00:12 pm

I'm writing to oppose the approval of the arch proposed by the Trump administration. Any significant structure in the nation's capital requires thoughtful, well-planned design, reason and meaning. It needs to be something that most people feel is valid and necessary and in keeping with American values and the image it wants to project to itself and the world.

The planned arch is opposed by the public two to one. The design is outsized for the site. There is no national sentiment, need or desire driving this. The process has been hasty. And the Trump administration's record with this type of project have proven disastrous from the reckless tearing down the East Wing of the White House (which now lies in ruins) to the bungled repair of the reflecting pool.

There is no reason for this haste. I ask that you vote NO on this project.

Name: Kristine Miller
Date: July 6, 2026 1:00:41 pm

I spent the first years of my law career in Washington, DC and love the timeless layout and serene historic beauty of the city. I return from time-to-time, and while some parts of the city have changed, the views of the memorials remain the same. The newly proposed arch is too significant of a change to me and the fact that it's tied to a live, contemporary president is also a negative. Please put the project on hold and revisit again in 10-20 years after the passage of time and the wisdom that comes with it.

Name: Nicola Ann Nelson
Date: July 6, 2026 1:00:44 pm

Please do not approve this arch! It is ugly and desecrates the Arlington cemetery. It does not represent our country.

Name: John Delaney
Date: July 6, 2026 1:20:31 pm

This is a terrible idea and this project should NOT continue. I will vote for any 2028 candidate who promises to immediately tear this albatross down on January 20, 2029.

Name: Nicholas Hansinger
Date: July 6, 2026 1:26:06 pm

I am writing to register my strong opposition to the proposed 250-foot triumphal arch at Memorial Circle, between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery.

This site was never meant to hold a monument of this scale. The straight sightline connecting the U.S. Capitol, the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, and Arlington House was deliberately designed to symbolize the reconciliation of a nation torn apart by civil war. A 250-foot structure — more than double the height of the Lincoln Memorial — dropped into the center of that axis does not honor that history. It obstructs it.

The scale alone should disqualify this design. The arch would be the tallest triumphal arch in the world, twice the height of the Lincoln Memorial and nearly as tall as the Capitol. This is not a modest addition to the monumental core; it is a structure designed to dominate it, in open tension with the historic 1910 Height of Buildings Act that has protected the capital's low, human-scaled skyline for over a century.

Most tellingly, this project lacks any real public mandate. The Commission received nearly 1,700 public comments before its last hearing, and the overwhelming majority were opposed. An earlier round of roughly 1,000 comments ran 100 percent against the project. This is not a case of a vocal minority; it is close to public unanimity, including from veterans' families, preservationists, architectural historians, and residents who use this parkway every day.

I urge the Commission to reject this proposal in its current form, respect the historic integrity of the Lincoln Memorial–Arlington sightline, and require any future monument on this site to go through full public and congressional review rather than advancing on an accelerated administrative timeline.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Hansinger
Las Vegas, NV

Name: Sally Bair
Date: July 6, 2026 1:27:16 pm

The Arch that is being considered I our nation's capital is not only a terrible and inappropriate idea, it is a colossal waste of taxpayer money when so many American families are struggling. The actual size looks so out of place. Washington DC residents do not want or need this structure. Most of the US citizens do not want this structure. The only purpose is for one man's ego and to leave his mark in our nation's capital. Also, like most of the endeavors of the current administration, it will be a "no-bid" contract favoring the president's donors. Please do the right thing. History will remember your decision and actions. Thank you.

Name: Hallidie Haid
Date: July 6, 2026 1:30:44 pm

I am not in favor of building an arch that interrupts the views from the Arlington veterans Cemetery and the Lincoln memorial. Both are monuments to the civil war that deserve special peace and calm . Additionally we do not celebrate individual presidents while they still live, except at their own presidential libraries. Completely inappropriate to build such a monument at this time if ever. Finally why would you consider anything at all in the flight path of Reagan National airport..

Name: Lynn Pickard
Date: July 6, 2026 1:39:28 pm

I oppose the proposed triumphal arch because its size and ostentatiousness dwarf the nearby sacred grounds of the national cemetery and the memorial to the one who actually is our greatest president.

Name: Stacey Johnson
Date: July 6, 2026 1:43:22 pm

The proposed arch is garish and has an imbalanced aesthetic that is out of place with the other monuments. The rush to build any memorial arch without proper planning will result in shoddy construction that will not withstand the test of time. Any arch project requires more diligent planning and an open & robust design review in order to have a final result that is worthy of our nations capital with it's many national monuments. If this is truly a wonderful idea it will survive a detailed review, comment and construction period and be constructed 5, 10 or even 20 years from now. Why the rush?

Name: Beth Emanuelson
Date: July 6, 2026 1:44:17 pm

I strongly oppose the premise, design & construction of this arch. The disproportionate scale, the placement desecrating Arlington Cemetary's sacred ground, and the waste of taxpayer money is appalling beyond words. It's no wonder that Americans don't trust their government - especially if the National Capital Planning Commission that is supposed to be LISTENING to the public disregards the overwhelming majority of negative comments. You have the opportunity to do the right thing and stop further consideration of this arch.

Name: Margie Strauss
Date: July 6, 2026 1:45:35 pm

Please, I beg of you, do NOT approve this monstrosity

Name: Brett Taylor
Date: July 6, 2026 1:47:18 pm

The proposal to build the Trump arch is an affront to everything this country represents. This is especially true because it will literally over shadow the Arlington National Cemetery; the final resting place of true American heroes that fought and died to save the very democracy President Trump is trying to destroy. We do not have kings in this country and we should not be constructing monuments to want to be kings.

Name: Janice Joyce
Date: July 6, 2026 1:47:24 pm

Do NOT approve the construction of this arch. The many reasons for denying the construction have been eloquently expressed by previous comments; it's not necessary to repeat them, but the say "ditto, ditto, ditto". We taxpayers don't want our tax money used for such frivolity when there are many more pressing matters on which to use the money. SAY NO; DO NOT BUILD THIS ARCH. Thank you.

Name: David Johnston
Date: July 6, 2026 1:48:24 pm

Regarding what I will call the Trump Arch:

In the word of President Biden, "Don't ". We don't need another tacky reminder of the hell we are currently living thru. It smacks of another dictator, Benito Mussolini. Please register me as a hard NO.

Name: Kristine Cole
Date: July 6, 2026 1:56:36 pm

This proposed arch, a self-aggrandizing monument to a man currently alive and serving as president, is an embarrassment to the American People. A true leader would never build monuments to themselves as a monument is a gift from a grateful nation. While it is very likely true that no future US government will ever agree to build a monument to a president who is so polarizing, racist, misogynistic, divisive and incompetent, that does not mean that he gets to build his own monument on public land - it is our city, our land, not to be claimed by one man who keeps trying his damndest to slap his name on every building he can find. Go build his ridiculous arch at Mar A Lago. He has no honor and should receive no monument! As an aside, he would be wise to leave the cherry trees in DC alone - we don't need any more golf courses for him to grift more money. He's done enough to harm this country.

Name: K. Marlin
Date: July 6, 2026 2:14:42 pm

Simply a horrible vanity project - meaningless in importance to the Nation and demeaning to everything that the Cemetery stands for.

Name: Janet Schaffel
Date: July 6, 2026 2:28:31 pm

I strongly oppose the proposed Monumental Arch for the many compelling reasons already articulated by other commenters.

The project is fundamentally wrong in scale, location, purpose, and symbolism. A massive arch at Memorial Circle would permanently disrupt the carefully planned and historically significant visual relationship among the Lincoln Memorial,

Arlington Memorial Bridge, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House. It would overwhelm rather than complement these landmarks and intrude on a landscape whose power comes from openness, dignity, restraint, and quiet reflection.

The entrance to Arlington National Cemetery is an especially inappropriate location for a triumphal monument. Arlington is a place devoted to sacrifice, remembrance, and national unity—not spectacle, conquest, or personal glorification. A structure of this scale would compete with, rather than honor, the sacred character of the cemetery and those buried there.

I also share the serious concerns raised about traffic and pedestrian safety, aviation issues, environmental and construction impacts, height restrictions, legal authority, cost, and the adequacy and speed of the review process. A permanent alteration to one of the nation's most important historic landscapes should not proceed while significant questions remain unresolved or without meaningful consideration of alternatives.

Finally, our national monuments should reflect enduring shared values and unite Americans. This proposal is already deeply divisive and is widely perceived as a vanity project associated with a living president. That alone makes it a poor choice for a permanent addition to the nation's capital.

For all of these reasons, I urge the Commission to reject the proposed Monumental Arch.

Name: Theodore Nagel
Date: July 6, 2026 2:29:32 pm

We do not need it, It is intended as a monument to Trump, not the nation. His aim is another larger, garish structure to be associated with himself' It would obstruct the view from the Jefferson Memorial to the National Cemetery. He is debasing the symmetry and image of the White House with his ballroom. We don't need this arch. We have enough impressive buildings in D.C. to show off America's strength without this pretentious arch.

Name: Linda Ashworth
Date: July 6, 2026 2:29:45 pm

I am from California, but have visited DC multiple times. One of my favorite things to do is cross that beautiful bridge over to Arlington national Cemetery.

I am strongly against spending money to build the Arch de Trump. I do not want a structure that will block the view from the bridge. And trump has already spent too much of our tax dollars trying to glorify his own name.

Please deny this project!

Linda Ashworth

Name: Cecilia LaViolette
Date: July 6, 2026 2:50:54 pm

As a native Washingtonian, I know the proposed arch is inappropriate on its face as it is too large and gaudy for the space intended. It is for all intents and purposes a vanity project for President Trump. No one other than Trump and his MAGA followers want this arch. The expense is unwarranted and unacceptable. Please leave the line of sight through to Arlington House alone. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Name: Paul Luehrsen
Date: July 6, 2026 3:14:59 pm

To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

I am writing in opposition to File #8778, the proposed New Monumental Arch at Memorial Avenue. My concern is not based on opposition to commemoration, nor on objection to monumental architecture in principle. Rather, it is rooted in the importance of preserving one of the nation's most carefully composed civic landscapes.

Memorial Avenue, Arlington Memorial Bridge, Memorial Circle, the Lincoln Memorial, and Arlington House are not a collection of unrelated features. Together, they form a powerful ceremonial sequence linking the National Mall with Arlington National Cemetery. The openness of this landscape, the axial views, and the measured progression across the Potomac are essential to its meaning. The landscape itself functions as a memorial.

The proposed arch would significantly alter that experience. By introducing a large new vertical monument into Memorial Circle, the project would shift the focus from the historic visual and symbolic relationship between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House to a new object placed within that relationship. Even if thoughtfully designed, a structure of this scale would inevitably become the dominant feature of the setting.

Washington's monumental core derives much of its dignity from restraint, proportion, and carefully protected views. Its most meaningful spaces often succeed not because they are crowded with monuments, but because they allow architecture, landscape, history, and symbolism to work together. Memorial Avenue is one of those places. Its power lies in the clarity of the composition and the solemnity of the approach.

I am also concerned about precedent. If a major new monument can be inserted into this historic corridor, it becomes more difficult to protect other nationally significant landscapes from future additions that may be well-intentioned but cumulatively harmful. Planning decisions made here will signal how seriously we value the integrity of Washington's historic civic spaces.

There may be appropriate locations in the nation's capital for new commemorative works, including works of substantial scale. But Memorial Avenue and Memorial Circle already carry a complete and deeply significant civic meaning. The question before the Commission should not be whether a monumental arch can be designed, but whether this particular landscape should be fundamentally changed to accommodate one.

I respectfully urge the Commission to preserve the open character, historic sightlines, and symbolic integrity of the Memorial Avenue corridor, and to oppose the proposed New Monumental Arch at this location.

Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Paul Boyle

Date: July 6, 2026 3:17:29 pm

Dear Chair and Members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle. I respectfully urge the Commission to deny the preliminary site and building plans.

There are many reasons to oppose this proposal. Among them, the proposed design is fundamentally inconsistent with the principles embodied in the Height of Buildings Act of 1910, which Congress enacted to preserve the United States Capitol and the Washington Monument as the dominant features of the capital's skyline. The Act reinforced the vision of Pierre Charles L'Enfant's 1791 Plan and the McMillan Plan, both of which emphasized broad avenues, open vistas, and civic spaces designed for the public. The proposed Arch is inconsistent with those longstanding planning principles.

The Commission's responsibility is to determine not only whether a structure can be built, but whether it preserves the integrity of the National Capital's historic plan, commemorative landscape, and defining civic vistas. In my view, this proposal does not.

My primary concern is the proposed location of the Arch. It would be placed on the visual axis connecting the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House (formerly known as the Custis-Lee Mansion). The McMillan Plan intentionally established this landscape to symbolize national reconciliation following the Civil War. That visual relationship has remained substantially intact for more than a century and is itself a historic resource worthy of preservation. It is one of the nation's most powerful ceremonial spaces.

The bridge connecting Washington and Virginia is named Memorial Bridge for a reason. The entire landscape—from the

Lincoln Memorial to Arlington House overlooking Arlington National Cemetery—is itself the memorial. Placing a Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle would fundamentally alter the ceremonial entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, where more than 400,000 veterans and their eligible family members are laid to rest.

As a Washington, DC, resident for more than four decades, I have crossed the Memorial Bridge hundreds of times, often with visiting family, friends, and business colleagues. The experience is remarkably consistent. As Arlington National Cemetery comes into view, conversations quiet. People instinctively recognize they are entering a place of remembrance and sacrifice. The unobstructed vista invites reflection on those who gave their lives in service to our nation, as well as those who continue to serve today.

Introducing a Monumental Arch at the focal point of this carefully designed memorial landscape would diminish that experience and fundamentally change the character of one of America's most meaningful commemorative spaces.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge Commission Members to Vote No on preliminary site and building plans for the proposed Monumental Arch.

Thank you for your consideration.

Paul Boyle
Washington, DC
July 6, 2026

Name: SARALYN LUEHRSEN

Date: July 6, 2026 3:28:19 pm

I respectfully oppose File #8778, the proposed New Monumental Arch at Memorial Avenue. My objection is in placing a new monumental structure within one of the nation's most carefully planned ceremonial landscapes.

The Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, Memorial Avenue, and Arlington House were intentionally designed as a unified composition that links the National Mall to Arlington National Cemetery. The beauty lies in its uninterrupted broad open space and the visual connection across the Potomac.

An arch at Memorial Circle would alter that composition by introducing a new focal point into the landscape. Regardless of its architectural merit, the arch would compete with the relationship between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House, diminishing its power.

Approving this proposal would also establish a precedent for introducing new monuments into nationally significant historic landscapes, making it more difficult to preserve the integrity of other important civic spaces in the future.

Washington offers many suitable locations for new memorials. Memorial Avenue, however, is already a finished and meaningful work of civic planning. The question is not whether a new arch could be built, but whether this historic ceremonial corridor should be altered at all.

I urge the Commission to protect the historic alignment between the National Mall and Arlington National Cemetery by preserving the openness, sightlines, and design integrity of the Memorial Avenue corridor and rejecting the proposed New Monumental Arch.

Name: Randy Siebert

Date: July 6, 2026 3:29:40 pm

I oppose the construction of this “arch”. It is inconsistent with other memorials in DC and smells of opulence and excesses that has been exhibited through the Trump administration. Please, vote NO to this. Thank you.

Name: Joy Bates Boyle

Date: July 6, 2026 3:43:09 pm

Re: (NCPC File No: 87789)

Dear Chair and Members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

I urge the Commission to deny the proposed Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle.

Memorial Circle and Arlington Memorial Bridge already provide a powerful and dignified entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. Their significance comes from the open space, historic views, and the quiet transition from the Lincoln Memorial to the cemetery—not from adding another monument.

Some of Washington's most meaningful places are powerful because they have been carefully preserved. Memorial Circle is one of them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joy Bates Boyle
Washington, DC
July 6, 2026

Name: Helen Phelps
Date: July 6, 2026 3:43:12 pm

I ask the Committee to reject the proposal for the new monumental arch for the following reasons:

1. It will detract from the balance of the National Mall.
2. It will mock the solemnity of Arlington National Cemetery.
3. Based on President Trump's past comments regarding the service of those in the military whom he referred to as 'losers,' it will be a disgrace to the memory of fallen soldiers and their families, as well as to veterans who served so honorably and their families.
4. Monuments are not erected by living presidents for themselves, exalting their own name and celebrating any contribution to our country without allowing history to be the judge.
5. Polls show that a majority of the country is not in favor of this monument.
6. Allowing this project to move forward would be a black mark on our country for its own citizens and how other countries view us around the world.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.
Helen Phelps

Name: Rick Myers
Date: July 6, 2026 4:13:07 pm

I do hope that the commission denies this worthless ego driven monument proposal. It is a vane attempt to destroy sacred solemn locations in DC. This administration needs reigned in on all these remodeling jobs and needs to be charged to fix the destruction they already have entailed. As a veteran I am appalled that someone would desecrate our national monuments without any regard to the public interest. Please squash this!

Name: Jennifer Brown
Date: July 6, 2026 4:29:35 pm

I strongly object to any installation of this size that will diminish our country's recognition of the most significant matters of our nation's history.

What does this huge arch stand for - like it or not, it feels like another Trump self-aggrandizement & I believe that association will stick and exacerbate existing polarization of our country.

We need symbols and memorials to unite us as a nation.

Name: Mike Telesca

Date: July 6, 2026 4:31:33 pm

No president should have the ability to build a monument to themselves. Their legacy should determine if they are worthy of anything like that, and the people will decide what best suits their memory.

At this time, the only structure worthy of Trump's legacy is a cracked toilet, leaking effluents onto an already filthy floor. We don't need a structure like that on display.

Name: Mary Lebrato

Date: July 6, 2026 4:53:09 pm

I find the building of a monumental arch in the location proposed to be extremely offensive and it will be a blight on the Skyline of Washington, DC and obscure the view of Arlington Cemetery from Washington DC. I encourage you to stop this monstrosity from being built. Thank you for your consideration sincerely
Mary T Lebrato

Name: Tom Ripp

Date: July 6, 2026 5:17:48 pm

Comments on Trump's proposed Arch

WTF? We the People do not need an Arch to validate the greatness of this country or to commemorate a date that has already passed (our 250th celebration of our declaration of independence). Personally, I think the arches in other countries are somewhat ugly and many were built to appease some egos. This proposed arch doesn't serve any practical purpose and has no real value to the PEOPLE. This country is supposed to be about the PEOPLE. I should not have to remind the National Capital Planning Commission (but I will) that President Lincoln got it right when he used the language "government of the people, by the people, for the people." This country is not about one non celibate, non-genius' ego. We the People do not need an expensive and ugly eyesore to tell us that this country is great. In the future it would only serve as a monument to "WTF were they thinking when they elected Trump a second time?" In other words, it would be a monument to our either stupidity or temporary loss of our morals. Are you lackies of Trump or will you do the right thing by and for the People?

What will be the cost of the project (direct and indirect costs)? There are many beyond the direct dollar cost including opportunity costs (i.e., using that money to protect, maintain and expand our national parks, or use it for the benefit of all creatures on this planet). It will block the view from Washington to Arlington Cemetery (a snub to our fallen who helped make this a great country (but then again, Trump thinks that people who die for their country and for what their country stands for are suckers and losers. So, if you agree with that, go right ahead and build the ugly and costly Arch, just refund some of my taxes paid). What will be the benefits of the project (again, direct and indirect)? I can't think of any real benefit. Appeasing Trump's ego is not a benefit. I'd place that on the cost side of the equation.

Other countries have gotten past their need to build stone arches. I believe the last one built was by Napoleon in the 19th century. We should be leading not following. We do not need this ugly POS. I would oppose the proposed arch even if some other President were to propose one. They are ugly, not needed and there are much better uses of the money of the People.

Thomas W. Ripp

[REDACTED]
Gaithersburg, MD 20882

Name: Amanda Lemon
Date: July 6, 2026 5:40:39 pm

Please don't go through with putting this arch in the cemetery... it will be a disgrace and so disrespectful to those who are buried there and are family of those buried there. Thank you

Name: David Orr
Date: July 6, 2026 5:57:16 pm

This arch is a monstrosity that should be made to go away immediately. Terminate with extreme prejudice. It would be a visual blight on the national capital, a monumental embarrassment to the people of this country, and an invasion of the space between the Lincoln Memorial. You are the National Capital Planning Commission, so do your country proud: resist Trump's pressure to build an ego arch that will have to be torn down when he's out of office. Don't embarrass yourselves, professionally or personally, by approving this insult to our collective intelligence, our appreciation for the arts and architecture, and our sense of pride and identity as Americans. Thank you for your attention to this matter.
David Orr

Name: Steve Hough
Date: July 6, 2026 6:03:05 pm

I'm an Army veteran. I've visited Arlington National Cemetery. Its history is not lost on me. Above all concerns you may receive, I think that the proposed arch would detract from that history in a meaningful way. Please, do not proceed.

Name: Mary Jukuri
Date: July 6, 2026 6:27:38 pm

I am a resident of Fairfax county and strongly oppose the proposed triumphal arch on the roundabout at the Memorial Bridge. The arch will interrupt an historically important view and line of sight from Arlington National Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial. It would also cause havoc with traffic around the circle, being a massive visual distraction for drivers. Its height and proximity to Reagan National Airport is also a concern. Please do not approve this project.

Name: Lisa Rosenstein
Date: July 6, 2026 6:58:36 pm

I am a long-time resident of Washington, DC, having lived here for 40 years. I love this city and deeply appreciate its political meaning, its beauty and its cultural environment. I am aghast at the plan to build a "Monumental Arch" it is gauche and unnecessary. We have the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, the Jefferson, the National Archives, our beautiful Capitol, The Library of Congress, and Arlington Cemetery, and multiple monuments to our brave soldiers. Our national Mall is filled with iconic and architecturally uplifting buildings. Our city is itself a monument.

There is absolutely no need to mar our cityscape with an ungainly monument that nobody wants aside from the person currently occupying the White House (which is itself being trampled on).

Please, Please, use common sense for the good of our city and our country. Do not approve this unneeded Arch.

Most sincerely,
Lisa Rosenstein
NE, Washington DC

Name: Jacqueline Fauls
Date: July 6, 2026 7:28:52 pm

I oppose the construction of this unnecessary monument.

Name: Eileen Longsworth
Date: July 6, 2026 8:28:01 pm

My name is Eileen Longsworth.

I have 3 family members buried in Arlington Cemetery. I have been visiting the cemetery for over fifty years, since I was a small child. I have seen the negative impact of the increased area traffic on the ability of the general public to visit the cemetery.

I don't believe that the proposed location for the Arch is able to accommodate the proposed use of this arch. If the arch were a static monument, such as the IWO JIMA MEMORIAL then the circle might have the space for its construction. However, once you include active visitors, elevators, and a viewing platform, the use of the Arch as a visitor site is comparable to the use of the Washington Monument in downtown Washington. Driving vehicles through the ARCH makes every traffic problem already seen at the circle seem minuscule. The proposed site will be unable to handle anticipated crowds, due to its small size and location, as well as it's daily commuter traffic load. The addition of multiple traffic signals and other changes needed to allow automobiles to pass through the Arch has the potential to greatly amplify all of the access problems that this project causes. In addition, the potential for increased traffic and pedestrian accidents is an obvious flaw in the design concept.

I am enclosing a list of questions that I encourage you to submit to the architects of this project, and to the NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE who are managing this project.

Questions on the program of the proposed Arch

How many people are estimated as potential visitors to the arch daily? Will there be limits to the number of visitors allowed per day/hour? Will visitor time on the viewing platform be limited? Will visitors be allowed at the site without tickets?

How will visitors get to the Arch? Where will visitors park? Will proposed parking impact Arlington Cemetery visitor parking?

How will pedestrian visitors cross to the traffic circle? Will there be more than one way to cross the circle to get to the arch?

Where will excess crowds line up and wait to access the arch? Or cross the street? Is there any provision for bad weather protection for waiting visitors or those actually at the Arch?

How will any traffic signals affect the on going movement of regular traffic during rush hour? At other times? What is the impact on local traffic and local air quality targets?

How many staff will be required to manage this monument? What kind of staffing is proposed? Will there be dedicated management staff on site? Will collecting tickets or directing pedestrian traffic require dedicated staff?

Will restroom capacity be adequate for expected visitors? How will security of restrooms be assured? Will staff have separate restrooms?

How will handicap access be assured? Will there be a handicap drop off at the site? How much handicapped parking will be required and where will it be located?

How will children visiting the Arch be safely protected from traffic?

Where will school buses drop off and pick up students? Where will buses park?

Will tickets be required to take the elevator? If so, will they be issued at the arch, or collected there? And where would they be issued/collected at the site? Will there be timed tickets? How will visitors without Internet access be able to get tickets?

How many security staff will be needed at the site? Where will security staff fit on the Arch's organization chart, and who will supervise them? What are the anticipated security issues that will affect the site? What planning or building modification has been done to mitigate any anticipated problems?

What accommodation would be made to house security and maintenance staff at the site?

Will there be bag checking, or metal detectors used? Where will they be located? How will vandalism be prevented? If security cameras are to be used, where will they be located? Will there be 24 hour monitoring of cameras?

How will exterior lighting be placed to insure security of staff, visitors and the Arch itself?
How will security be maintained at the site and on the viewing platform?
How will suicides be prevented at the viewing platform area?
How will maintenance and landscaping staff access the site? Where will their trucks park?
What is the anticipated actual operating budget for the ARCH? How will adding this sum to the NPS Budget affect other programs operated by the NPS?

These are just a few of the questions and problems that I see with this proposed arch. I encourage you all to meet with managers of the Washington Monument to discuss how all of the aspects of that very important monument are currently being addressed. Then review the Arch project to compare the similarities between it and the other highly visited locations in Washington DC. I'm confident that such a review would not confirm a positive affirmation for this ARCH, at this location. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of my concerns, and the concerns of all of those who submit comments.

Name: Raymond D'Angelo
Date: July 6, 2026 9:04:19 pm

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Department of Interior
National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC)
Date: July 7, 2026
Re: New Monumental Arch
From: Raymond D'Angelo, Chair, Redding Preservation Society
To: Planning Commission

On behalf of the Redding Preservation Society, (Redding, Ct.), I am writing to express opposition to the proposed DC Arch project. While the nation's capital should continue to honor its history and inspire future generations, we do not think this project is an appropriate addition to Washington's monumental landscape. Existing memorials and monuments already reflect our nation's history and values in a thoughtful and cohesive way. Indeed, the preservation community appreciates the desire to showcase our great country, we do not believe this project represents the best scale, location and design. Also, the proposal raises concerns about its cost, long-term maintenance, and overall value to the American public. At a time when there are many pressing needs, public funds should be directed toward initiatives that provide broader and more tangible benefits. Additionally, the proposed arch may alter the character of the area without demonstrating sufficient public support or a clear economic return. For these reasons, the Preservation Society respectfully urges you to reject the proposed New Monumental Arch project. Thank you for your consideration.
Raymond D'Angelo

Raymond D'Angelo, Chair
Redding Preservation Society

Name: K Sandweiss
Date: July 6, 2026 10:29:30 pm

I strongly urge you to NOT build the monumental arch as, and in the location proposed. It will destroy the historic vista and visual statement of the long view between Arlington Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial - a symbol of uniting the north and the south of the US after the civil war. It is wholly unnecessary, and is a sign of the utter disruption of our nation's history and a sign of disunity.

Respectfully submitted,

A lover of the United States

Name: Stephanie Fisher

Date: July 6, 2026 10:31:29 pm

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Name: Rosemary Francis

Date: July 6, 2026 10:32:27 pm

In 1967-68, I lived in McLean, VA and enjoyed crossing the many bridges across the Potomac to the beautiful "alabaster city" of Washington, DC. The monuments around the Tidal Basin are memorable and I feel that no more are needed. I have heard that this proposed Arch is also too high for the safety of planes coming in and out of Reagan, so my vote is a definite NO.

Thank you

Name: Mary Jayne Gamble

Date: July 6, 2026 11:46:08 pm

I respectfully urge the National Capital Planning Commission to reject the proposed Monumental Arch.

Washington, D.C.'s monumental core is one of the most carefully planned civic landscapes in the world. Every memorial, monument, and public space tells the story of our nation's history and democratic ideals. The proposed 250-foot arch would fundamentally alter the historic character and visual integrity of the Memorial Bridge corridor and Memorial Circle, competing with—not complementing—the existing national monuments. The NCPC itself has identified unresolved questions regarding traffic, pedestrian access, and other planning issues that should not be overlooked. (NCPC~~06.1~~)

This proposal does not reflect the restrained architectural traditions that have guided the development of our nation's capital for more than a century. The beauty of Washington lies in its balanced composition, open vistas, and reverence for history—not in oversized, monumental statements that dominate the landscape.

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Name: James Gamble

Date: July 6, 2026 11:48:11 pm

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Public Comments for New Monumental Arch

Total comments: 115

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Name: Stephen Mueller
Date: July 7, 2026 1:54:41 am

I am vehemently opposed to the proposed Triumphal Arch.

My father and my oldest brother are buried in Arlington National Cemetery. It causes me great distress to consider that I might have to pass by this thing to visit their gravesites and honor their memories.

In reading the Executive Director's Recommendation (NCPC File No. 8778) the colorful phrase of "putting lipstick on a pig" came to mind, because no amount of granite cladding or gilded statuary can hide that this proposed arch would be an out of place monstrosity. My sympathy goes out to the staff with the unenviable task of producing this report since such a great effort was expended in an attempt to paper over the obvious – this proposal is the vanity project of an egotist masquerading as a celebration of 250 years of our independence. The overwhelming public disapproval of this project, particularly from veterans such as myself, should be proof enough of this statement.

This report is a blatant attempt to justify a preordained conclusion to build the arch. From trying to force fit the design to meet the requirements of the Height of Buildings Act to how many traffic signal poles is too many (32 really, how many angels can dance on the head of a pin?), concern after concern is dismissed with trust us, we'll deal with it later. Included are concerns with this being a "visitor destination" as if a new ride was being added to an amusement park. A concern not addressed though is the impact on those trying to navigate past a tourist attraction to pay their respects in Arlington Nation Cemetery. Nowhere does this report address the cumulative negative impact of all these concerns and the possibility that the arch is just a bad idea and should not be built in any form.

The most laughable aspect of the report, however, is the discussion of the viewshed. We are to believe that worthy benefits of the arch will be that it will "Allow for framed views of the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House ..." and "Introduce a new panoramic view of the monumental core from the observation deck". Let's cut to the chase here – this mammoth structure would destroy some of the most profound and treasured vistas in our nation's capital. And in this the report misses the most fundamental concept– a concept known to the best architects and designers. Open space can be as powerful as any structure.

And make no mistake about it, Memorial Circle is a powerful space.

Perhaps it was not by accident that none of the previously proposed structures were ever built in Memorial Circle. Perhaps it was because there was an understanding that the open space of Memorial Circle serves a purpose more important than any structure can. This space allows visitors to prepare without distraction for the solemn experience of visiting Arlington National Cemetery. This space connects those first buried in the cemetery who gave their lives to preserve our union to the memorial of their Commander-in-Chief who also lost his life for that cause. This space connects, by extension through the National Mall, all those in the cemetery who dedicated and, in many cases, gave their lives in defense of our country with the very seat of our government.

I urge the Commission to reject any plans for an arch in Memorial Circle and to maintain the connections through that open space forever unbroken.

Name: Terry A. O'Neal
Date: July 7, 2026 2:09:14 am

To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,

My name is Terry A. O'Neal, and I serve as President and Chair of the Chloe African American Cemetery Preservation Association. Through our work documenting, protecting, and preserving one of Southwest Louisiana's historic African American, Creole, and Native American burial grounds, I have gained a deep appreciation for the importance of preserving historic cultural landscapes.

Our work has taught me that historic landscapes are more than collections of monuments or structures. They are places where history is understood through the relationship between the land, the surrounding views, and the stories those places continue to tell.

The landscape extending from the Lincoln Memorial across Arlington Memorial Bridge to Arlington National Cemetery is one of the nation's most significant commemorative landscapes. Its power lies not only in the monuments themselves but in the carefully composed viewshed that allows visitors to reflect on the Civil War, military sacrifice, reconciliation, and the continuing pursuit of freedom.

For that reason, I respectfully encourage the Commission to carefully consider whether the proposed Monumental Arch would alter the visual integrity and symbolic meaning of this historic landscape. Once the relationships between a landscape, its monuments, and its open spaces are fundamentally changed, they cannot easily be restored.

Across the country, communities are working to preserve historic places that embody our shared history. Preservation is not only about protecting individual structures; it is about safeguarding the broader cultural landscapes that give those places meaning. Decisions made in our nation's capital set an important example for preservation efforts nationwide.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of these comments and for your continued stewardship of our nation's historic resources.

Respectfully,

Terry A. O'Neal
President & Chair
Chloe African American Cemetery Preservation Association
Long Beach, California

Name: Lorraine Theodos
Date: July 7, 2026 7:09:01 am

The Memorial Circle is a visual historical site highlighting a sacred landscape. The view honors those brave men and women who served our country for freedom. The construction of the 250-foot Triumphal Arch would block this view that honors the brave. Do not let this construction go forward. Honor our true hero's!

Name: Ridhard Shirey
Date: July 7, 2026 7:25:18 am

The National Monumental Arch is an abomination to the image of America. It will be a monument to the victory of incompetence and a waste of tax money.

Name: Chris Rute AIA RIBA
Date: July 7, 2026 7:53:24 am

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Name: Daphne Shye
Date: July 7, 2026 8:11:42 am

I am against building a Triumphal arch.
There is a breathtaking strength and simplicity in the monuments as they stand now.
To build the arch is a travesty aesthetically. We don't need to copy a French monument, which would be farcical and a

ridiculous submission to a president with old fashion ideas and poor taste.

To build this arch is a waste of my and your taxpayer money.

I have lived in the DC metro area for over 36 years and know that there is no need for an arch. The monuments inspire as is.

I strongly say no to building the arch.

Name: Eileen Shirey

Date: July 7, 2026 8:40:26 am

This monumental arch in honor of Donald Trump is not necessary. Moreover it is certainly not appropriate for a president to nominate himself as an American hero. Please save the expense to taxpayers so that an equivalent amount of money can be spent toward healthcare for Americans who have none.

Name: David Glaser

Date: July 7, 2026 8:47:25 am

I am strongly opposed to the monumental arch. First, it has no clear purpose, not being linked to any specific event. It is indeed linked to one specific person, Donald Trump, but there is no clear reason why a monument should be constructed in his honor.

Second, it does not fit with the structures already in place, being too large proportionately and taking away visually from the significant monuments that already exist.

Third, this monument is akin to what a monarch would do - build in honor of himself. We are not a monarchy.

This monument is offensive to me and to many other Americans and should not be built.

Name: joy Lowenthal

Date: July 7, 2026 8:51:18 am

Speaking from a safe driver perspective, it seems to me any obstruction of view in a traffic circle, by an unneeded Arc of Triumph would be prohibited by the dangers it would cause to drivers ! Leave the Arc's of Triumph to those who have them! No more spending of tax money on self glorification of a President .
From a concerned citizen !

Name: Ellen Beck

Date: July 7, 2026 9:08:15 am

Please do not approve this Monumental Arch. All the many excellent reasons have already been delineated. The people do not want this and our Congress has been given no opportunity to represent us by saying yeah or nay. For that reason alone this project should be denied, because ethically this commission knows the right answer. Do the right thing.

Name: Caitlyn Verlik

Date: July 7, 2026 10:04:53 am

The Trump administration has cut billions from the National Park Service and has reduced the agency's ability to care for public lands.

Across the country, National parks now face more than \$24 billion in deferred maintenance, leaving historic buildings, trails, and visitor facilities in need of repair.

Rather than investing resources in the parks Americans visit every day, the administration has redirected millions in National Park entrance fees to 'Trump beautification projects.'

Every dollar redirected away from our national parks is a dollar that cannot be used to repair or maintain the infrastructure needed to support our lands.

This is a wasteful vanity project that neither honors veterans nor uses public funding to the benefit of the American people.

Name: Solomon Chang

Date: July 7, 2026 10:16:29 am

What exactly is the purpose of this new arch? is it really to honor the vets who gave their lives in service of this nation, or is it just to satisfy one man's ego because he saw the arch de triumph in Paris and decided he should have one built in his image.

last I check, i didn't see or hear any serious minded veterans coming out in support of this new arch.

also, what exactly is the financial benefit to building this arch? is it going to earn enough money year after year from tourists climbing up to the top of the observation deck to then funnel back to support the maintenance of the National Arlington Cemetary and other vet honoring monuments? if so, i think it's not exactly a bad idea to consider it, but only if Trump himself pays for 100% of this project from his SuperPAC and agrees that this arch will not in anyway be associated to him and Trump Organization.

Name: Yvonne Reissig

Date: July 7, 2026 11:26:35 am

I am totally against this project. It is another example of Trump's egomaniacal personality. It also interrupts the flow between the two historic buildings that were intentionally built to symbolize the coming together of the North and the South. Another waste of our taxpayer money and there are so many other issues that need attention in our country. We were not able to stop the demolition of the East Wing, but maybe we can prevent this from happening.

Name: Callie Brignolo

Date: July 7, 2026 11:36:35 am

Dear Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,

I write to express my deepest objection to the proposed 250-foot "New Monumental Arch" at Memorial Circle. This project is entirely out of character with our nation's historical tradition of monument building and threatens the integrity of Washington D.C.'s symbolic landscape.

I oppose this project for the following critical reasons:

Disruption of Historic Vistas: At 250 feet tall—more than twice the height of the Lincoln Memorial—the arch will dwarf existing memorials and obstruct one of the most symbolically charged sightlines in the capital: the view between Arlington National Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial.

Lack of Congressional Authorization: Erecting a permanent monument on federal land requires explicit congressional approval. Attempting to bypass the Commemorative Works Act and legislative oversight undermines the system of checks and balances.

Precedence of a Vanity Project: It is unprecedented and inappropriate for a sitting president to initiate and construct a monument explicitly to himself on public lands. Such memorials should be weighed by history, not directed by the administration in power.

Misdirection of Resources: At a time when American families are facing economic challenges, diverting funds—such as reallocating millions from the National Endowment for the Humanities—is a misplacement of public trust.

On a personal note, my brother is buried in section 60 at Arlington and the division that President Trump has caused in

our country is not what my brother fought for when he took his oath to this country. I would find it offensive to have an arch over my brother's grave that has something to do with anything other than unity and peace.

The capital's monumental core belongs to the American people and should honor our collective history and the noble sacrifices of our veterans, rather than a single individual. I urge the commission to reject this proposal.

Sincerely,
Callie Brignolo
Carbondale, CO

Name: Kathleen Holm
Date: July 7, 2026 1:04:04 pm

I urge the National Park Service to reject this proposal based on the following critical concerns:

Disruption of Historic Sight Lines: The massive 250-foot scale of the arch severely compromises the intentionally designed axis between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House. This historic visual connection serves as a profound, solemn symbol of national post-Civil War reconciliation.

Harm to Sacred and Historic Spaces: Building a structure of this immense size permanently alters the Section 106 Area of Potential Effects, dwarfing adjacent landmarks and interrupting the reverent atmosphere of the Memorial Avenue Corridor leading into Arlington National Cemetery.

Lack of Federal and Public Oversight: Moving forward without express congressional authorization or a fully finalized Environmental Impact Statement violates established planning protections under the Commemorative Works Act and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Fiscal Responsibility: Allocating vast public resources toward a divisive, inert, and physically disruptive structure is highly inappropriate given the pressing maintenance backlog and operational funding strains already facing the broader National Park System.

The National Mall and its surrounding ceremonial parkways belong to the American public and must be protected from hasty, large-scale alterations that ignore long-standing preservation rules. I ask that the National Park Service uphold its core conservation mandate and protect Washington D.C.'s historic skyline from this project.

Thank you for your consideration of this public input.

Name: Linda Hill
Date: July 7, 2026 2:18:44 pm

I have been a frequent visitor to DC over the years. Bringing family, school kids, exchange students, and just ourselves for the total immersive experience. I believe very strongly that the arch as proposed is both unnecessary and will interfere with the current view and atmosphere created by the open spaces. Please do not permit this vanity project to be built.

Name: Preston Black
Date: July 7, 2026 2:30:34 pm

I oppose this project for 2 reasons:

1. Only countries whose actions do not rise to the level of exceptional need to build monuments. Exceptional countries are recognized as such by their deeds. Monuments are for the insecure.

2. It's a colossal waste of money. How can we spend on unnecessary projects like this when we have a national debt that's approaching \$40 TRILLION! Where's DOGE when you need it?!?!?

Name: Anne Scheid Jasinski
Date: July 7, 2026 2:53:50 pm

Please do not build this arch. There are many reasons to oppose the building of it. First and foremost, we do not need to spend taxpayer dollars to construct something that is not needed, will do nothing to enhance our country, and only serves as an ego boost to Donald Trump. Rather, let's focus on investing in families, like restoring SNAP benefits. This is what will build up America. We don't need an arch.

Name: Carol Cook
Date: July 7, 2026 3:02:41 pm

The rationale for an arch has not been articulated. The design is better fitted for Rome or Paris. Washington has a different approach to city design that should be reinforced and maintained.

The arch is far out of scale and is not in an appropriate location. It will be a distraction to drivers of vehicles in a heavily trafficked roadway that is an essential element of commuter access to and from the city. Some people will wish to get out of their cars to see it up close and block traffic. Traffic lanes could be lost if a parking lot is provided, with vehicular flow obstructed by cars entering and leaving. Because this area around the circle is dedicated to vehicular circulation, pedestrian access would not be safe and if walking paths are installed within the circle, again traffic lanes would be lost. City planning calls for separation of uses when there are space limitations and safety issues are involved, and the current layout meets this objective.

The construction process would require the closure of a key highway for an extended period. It is vital to maintain this vital means of entering and exiting the city.

Name: Bryan Green
Date: July 7, 2026 3:11:15 pm

[I previously registered to speak via Zoom; this is a my prepared testimony.]

NCPC File No. 8778 — Memorial Circle, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Columbia Island — New Monumental Arch

My name is Bryan Clark Green. I am an architectural historian in Richmond, Virginia. I want to spend my three minutes on a question this Commission has not yet been asked to consider, whether a monumental arch is the right kind of building for this site, apart from its height, its cost, or the sequence of approvals behind it. I believe it is not, and the reason lies in the arch as a form rather than in any particular arch.

A triumphal arch is a powerful architectural form, and its meaning and use have remained clear and consistent for centuries. History supplies the examples. The Arch of Titus in Rome displays, in relief, the spoils carried home from the sack of Jerusalem. The Arc de Triomphe in Paris is inscribed with the names of Napoleon's victories and the generals who won them. The Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Arch in Brooklyn commemorates the Union's Civil War victory, not the war's brutal human cost. Each of these commemorates a victory, the vanquishing of an adversary, a triumph brought home and paraded through. That is what the form says, whatever inscription is later carved into it.

But that is not the language this corridor has ever spoken. Arlington National Cemetery, established in 1864, holds the nation's dead not because they won but because they served, in war and in peace, across the full span of the nation's history. The Lincoln Memorial, at the eastern end of this axis, speaks in the register of the post-Civil War binding up the nation's wounds, not celebrating the victory of one section over another. The bridge that carries that axis across the Potomac, designed by the firm of McKim, Mead and White, was built, between 1926 and 1932, as a memorial bridge, not a triumphal one. Its hemicycle, and the Women in Military Service for America Memorial that later occupied it, in 1997, extended that register through a quiet, on-grade amphitheater rather than through any vertical gesture of conquest. Every element the McMillan Commission and its successors placed along this axis, for more than a century, spoke the language of memory and service. None of it spoke the language of triumph, because service, not victory, is what this corridor was built to honor.

The proposed arch breaks that grammar rather than extending it. It does not much matter, for this argument, whether the structure is two hundred fifty feet or one hundred fifty; a triumphal arch of any size announces a victory, and this cemetery does not exist to announce victories. It exists because the nation asked people to serve, and they answered, and it is service, not triumph, that is being honored. A monument that speaks otherwise, at the threshold of that cemetery, misunderstands what this corridor has spent more than a century saying.

I have submitted, in prior testimony and in writing, the scale, legal, and procedural objections to this proposal, and I do not abandon any of them. But I ask the Commission to weigh this one alongside them: the form itself is wrong for what lies at the end of the axis it would interrupt. For that reason, together with the many others the public has raised, I urge the Commission not to approve this proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today.

Name: M. Anteblian

Date: July 7, 2026 3:38:48 pm

The arch appears to be oversized and not very tasteful. Are we trying to copy the Arc de Triomphe in Paris? There has been too much destruction and lack of respect for the historic buildings in Washington like the White House. Why do we need a triumphal arch? Save and restore the beautiful buildings already in Washington, DC!

Name: Lucy Dalglish

Date: July 7, 2026 3:51:10 pm

Two weeks ago, I visited the site chosen for the monumental arch. It is unfathomable that anyone would want to disturb the vista from Arlington Cemetery and over the Memorial Bridge to the Lincoln Memorial. Those historic landmarks are stunning precisely for the reason the proposed arch is trashy looking. The existing memorials are almost perfectly scaled to allow visitors to appreciate the combination of marble and the natural beauty of the Potomac River and cemetery. The proposed arch is TOO BIG and would block one of the world's signature vistas.

Name: Tom Tobias

Date: July 7, 2026 4:02:31 pm

Please scrap this project.

This is not the time for elective projects like this.

Take care of what we have and exercise prudence with tax payer money until we begin to operate at a surplus.

Thanks for the opportunity to weigh in.

Name: Public Art Dialogue

Date: July 7, 2026 4:13:36 pm

We are submitting comments on the proposed Monumental Arch as Co-Chairs of Public Art Dialogue [PAD]. PAD was founded on the premise that dialogue is the essential element in all effective public art endeavors. Our membership includes art historians, artists, curators, administrators, educators, architects, landscape architects, and others engaged with the wide arc that public art encompasses.

While we cannot speak to the wide range of aesthetic and thematic comments our members might submit regarding the current proposal, we can state with confidence that PAD members overwhelmingly believe that the National Capital Planning Commission [NCPD] should promote a participatory process including robust opportunities for dialogue and design modifications for any monument proposed for our nation's capital.

We concur with the procedural concerns voiced by Elizabeth Merritt on behalf of the National Trust, specifically noting the 'Commemorative Works Act's specific requirement for the project to be authorized by Congress [Id. § 8903], ' as well

as the need to 'defer any decision in order to be informed by the results of the Section 106 process.' These robust opportunities for participatory design review and accountability ensure that our national monuments truly reflect the voices of 'we the people' in keeping with best practices for democratic governance.

Karen Shelby and Amy Werbel
Co-Chairs, Public Art Dialogue
<https://www.publicartdialogue.org/>

Name: Kelly O'Neal
Date: July 7, 2026 4:51:14 pm

I have lived in Washington, DC, for more than 20 years, and the National Mall is "my backyard". It is where I run, walk, reflect, celebrate, and bring visiting family and friends. Like millions of Americans, I see the Mall not simply as a collection of monuments, but as one of our nation's most important civic and historic landscapes.

Over the years, I have watched new memorials thoughtfully become part of this landscape. Memorials such as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial and the National World War II Memorial demonstrate that it is possible to honor history while respecting the character of the National Mall through careful planning, public engagement, and the established review process.

That process matters.

Projects of this scale and significance should undergo the full public review required by law. The National Mall belongs to all Americans, and decisions that permanently alter it should be transparent, deliberate, and informed by public input, expert review, and the legal processes established to protect our shared heritage.

The proposed Triumphal Arch would dramatically change one of the nation's most iconic viewsheds and the setting between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. Such a substantial change deserves rigorous review—not an accelerated process that appears to bypass the normal safeguards that have guided generations of planning on the Mall.

Regardless of one's views about the project itself, adherence to established planning, preservation, and environmental review processes is essential. These procedures exist to ensure that nationally significant places are managed responsibly for current and future generations.

I respectfully urge the agencies to suspend consideration of this proposal until all required reviews have been completed, all applicable laws have been followed, and the public has been given a meaningful opportunity to participate in a transparent decision-making process.

The National Mall is one of America's greatest public spaces. We have a responsibility to preserve both its physical landscape and the careful stewardship that has protected it for generations.

Name: Anastasia Alatsis
Date: July 7, 2026 4:54:05 pm

I am vehemently opposed to this arch being constructed. This arch is being constructed for the ego of one small man, yet it will have a permanent and imposing place in this country's history. The arch serves no purpose to unite, inspire, or encourage people and citizens of this country. It will be a shame for all people to witness yet another ill-advised and poorly planned monument erected to a man intent on creating as much division as possible within this country. He has not upheld his oath to serve this country and its citizens; he has done nothing but serve his own ego, short-sighted desires, and indulgences. Everything he has touched has been made worse by his hand. Do not let him permanently scar this nation's capital in yet another way.

Name: Walker Johnsen
Date: July 7, 2026 4:55:53 pm

Please do not approve of Trump's proposed Monumental Arch. Not only will this Arch be extremely expensive, with its current planned design, it will also disrupt the viewing of the other monuments in the area. These monuments and the things they represent are incredibly important to the public, thus, we must ensure that the public can properly view them without any distractions, which the proposed Arch will undoubtedly cause.

Please, don't approve the Arch. At the very least, as it is now.

Name: Connor Kirby

Date: July 7, 2026 4:57:54 pm

The arch is unapproved by congress. We the people are tired of this overreach of power. This is a monument of vanity that has no place in our nation's capital.

Name: Caitlyn Mattern

Date: July 7, 2026 5:00:09 pm

I do not support the construction of this arch. Its erection would not benefit the American people in any way and I'd rather my tax dollars be allocated to maintenance of the existing monuments we enjoy.

Name: Michael Lukas

Date: July 7, 2026 5:06:37 pm

Presidential monuments should be built for dead presidents.

Name: Sasha Kotarski

Date: July 7, 2026 5:08:58 pm

First, this project needs Congressional approval, which it does not have. Second, this project is a huge overstep by Trump, a great assumption that just because he is currently President, that he can do whatever he wants in Washington D.C. The city, and the National Mall, do not belong to any one person or any individual in office. It is public, for the people. When has a sitting president ever essentially built a monument to himself? It is a direct affront to checks and balances, Congressional approval, and an insult to the American people.

As if it wasn't bad enough that Trump has permanently destroyed the White House, it is outrageous that he plans to spread more of his tackiness throughout D.C. Beyond any personal opinions about the ugly style of the proposed arch, its tacky facade, and the general scum of the quality of the current president, this entire project defies a primary Congressional approval. Will there be no consequences for a president who acts without any regard to checks and balances? Why would this be allowed to persist? No other individual can bypass that process, and being president should not make anyone exempt.

We fought a revolution to rid ourselves of kings and actions done without representation. We should not allow one individual to carry out a project that would be a permanent fixture of American architecture, a project that is solely one man's project and that has no one else's approval. It is a disgrace to the American people and American ideals if a president is allowed to act without any consequences, without any checks and balances, and do so in a way that could be a permanent reminder of his evil reign. We already won't be able to fully forget his time in office - why would we want a monument built to himself to remind us?

Name: Silvia Cancellieri

Date: July 7, 2026 5:16:55 pm

This arch is a terrible idea. It is destroying the landmarks of Washington DC while casting a shadow over Arlington national cemetery disrespectful to every soldier, living and dead that has served in the name of freedom in the United States of America. This is a project that is unnecessary and detrimental to the skyline, which is a living monument to wash in Washington DC. This is not a necessary or needed project. It is simply a superficial project that costs money that needs to be saved and preserved and spent for the well-being of the citizens of the United States of America.

Name: Roxanne Vine

Date: July 7, 2026 5:17:33 pm

Waste of taxpayer money for a self-promoting vanity project with sole source contracting and no congressional oversight. Please don't let the Arlington Cemetery and other Capital landmarks become the next White House Rose Garden.

Name: Jackie Barton

Date: July 7, 2026 5:23:41 pm

The George Washington Memorial Parkway is where America cruises. In a national capital that can be plagued by traffic and urban hustle, the Parkway is a respite and an experience of driving the way we all imagine it when we think of driving as freedom and fun. It's a place where bikers and walkers connect and where tourists access places they've been excited to see.

More importantly, the GW Parkway links a series of monumental, historically significant, architecturally important, and culturally relevant sites. From George Washington's home at Mount Vernon up to the Iwo Jima Memorial, this is not a road, it's a national parkway. The portion at Memorial Bridge and Arlington National Cemetery is probably the most significant for an array of reasons:

It's part of the viewshed from other significant sites in DC.

It's next to Arlington National Cemetery, where about 30 funeral services per day are held for those who have served our country.

It's iconic-- the views here are part of our national memory and a protected historic viewshed.

The proposed Triumphal Arch is twice the height of the Lincoln Memorial. This structure would permanently overshadow the National Mall, the cemetery, the riverfront, and more.

In addition, without Congressional approval and the legal review process, allowing this project to move ahead sets a precedent that any administration can put any array of items desired on the sacred and protected places owned by the people of America.

Please turn down this project and require any and all future project proposals for our national parks, parkways, BLM, federal sites, and the like to follow the legal process of review and approval. There is a reason we don't allow every single leader of our country to pursue their personal projects without oversight.

Name: Penelope Crisp

Date: July 7, 2026 5:26:43 pm

The people of the United States do not want any of that trash blighting any speck of land in or around Washington, DC. Do not allow it to be built.

Name: Amelia Schulz

Date: July 7, 2026 5:28:06 pm

Public Comment: Opposition to the Proposed Triumphal Arch on the National Mall

I am a retired Lieutenant Colonel with 26 years of service, and I am submitting this comment in strong opposition to the proposed Triumphal Arch.

This structure would stand more than twice the height of the Lincoln Memorial, permanently altering the sightlines and character of the National Mall a space that belongs to the public, not to any single administration. It would loom over Arlington National Cemetery, where approximately 30 funeral services are held every day. Placing a monument of this scale and symbolism over active grieving families is not a minor design consideration; it is a fundamental disrespect to the service members being laid to rest there and to the families burying them.

Beyond the question of appropriateness, this project has proceeded without Congressional approval and has skipped standard federal review processes that exist precisely to prevent exactly this kind of unilateral, permanent alteration to shared national space. Those reviews aren't bureaucratic friction, they're the mechanism by which the public gets a say in what happens to the Mall. Bypassing them sets a precedent that any future administration could use to push through whatever monument, arch, or structure it wants without oversight.

As someone who spent my career serving this country, I don't think a monument that disrespects a working cemetery and dodges the approval process built for exactly this situation reflects well on anyone associated with it. I urge the review board to reject this proposal, or at minimum to require full Congressional review before any further steps are taken. History has its eyes on all of us and this won't be something we wish to remember once accountability comes.

Name: Heather Clotfelter

Date: July 7, 2026 5:38:45 pm

I am writing because I do not support the Triumphal Arch.

1. The design and location is wrong given the close proximity to Arlington National Cemetery and the National Mall.
 2. The project did not go through the review process and does not have Congressional approval.
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Name: Jeffrey Lipe

Date: July 7, 2026 5:39:26 pm

To whom it may concern, I vehemently oppose this project.

Name: M Walz

Date: July 7, 2026 5:50:54 pm

Just SAY NO to this ridiculous arch proposed by Mr. trump for the aggrandizement of himself. He will likely respond with monosyllabic schoolyard taunts. The American public will thank you.

Mr. trump demonstrates relentless energy to remake the capital city into his image of greatness, Gilded Vegas on the Potomac. He's already endorsed the trashing of the US Capitol, torn down the East Wing and destroyed landscaping at the White House, attempted to tart up the Reflecting Pool, etc. The list goes on. He prefers to operate by executive fiat, with haste. He's already got eyes on the municipal golf course and open park space for statues of 250 of his chosen patriots. This folly needs to STOP. NOW. Denial of the Arch would be step in the right direction.

Let history decide if this president is worthy of acclaim or humiliation.

Thank you for reading.

Name: Archibald Democracy

Date: July 7, 2026 5:59:25 pm

No Arch!

Protect our city from this totalitarian monstrosity

Name: Karen McBee

Date: July 7, 2026 6:10:42 pm

I am opposed to the new proposed arch. Its height would overshadow the Lincoln memorial and the view to Arlington Cemetery. This is also an unnecessary expense at a time when we need to be reducing our deficit. Thank you.

Name: Sue Meyer

Date: July 7, 2026 6:12:02 pm

We have hungry people in this blessed nation.

The \$\$ spent on this overly tall arch should be used for the people, not a project that defaces our National cemetery at Arlington. .

100% opposed to this construction.

Name: Jennifer Levy

Date: July 7, 2026 6:12:52 pm

I am in opposition of the proposed arch. The size and the location are both inappropriate and the expense is ridiculous. Our government needs to solve real problems and stop focusing on vanity projects.

Name: Christine Wagner

Date: July 7, 2026 6:21:11 pm

As a citizen and taxpayer, I do not approve of the proposed Triumph Arch. The location of the arch will obstruct the current aesthetically pleasing view of the surrounding environments. I also do not approve of using taxpayer funds for this purpose while citizens are struggling to find employment and pay food bills. Thank you

Name: Joe Bielawa

Date: July 7, 2026 6:21:25 pm

No to the monumental arch project!!

No to the monumental arch project!!!

No to the monumental arch project!!!

No tacky monuments in our national parks system!

Name: Shannon Wolf

Date: July 7, 2026 6:23:46 pm

This project is a horrible waste of tax dollars and an aesthetic nightmare. It is shameful that the administration is sidestepping the prescribed approvals process to advance this project, underscoring the clear unpopularity of this monstrosity.

Name: JOHN WADE

Date: July 7, 2026 6:29:54 pm

ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION – NO HARD COPY TO FOLLOW

July 7, 2026

National Capital Planning Commission

Subject: Item #8778 – Proposed approval of preliminary and final site and building plans for new Monumental Arch

The Association of National Park Rangers is comprised of more than 750 members, all of whom are retired, former, or current National Park Service (NPS) employees or volunteers. The Association studies, educates, speaks, and acts for the preservation of America's National Park System and for the employees of the National Park Service.

The National Park Service conserves and maintains our country's most important historic properties for the long-term education and benefit of the American people and other citizens of the world. These sites include National Capital Area parks, such as the George Washington Memorial Parkway and the Memorial Circle, site of a proposed monumental arch. We urge you to postpone approval of submitted site and building plans, the siting and design of which disregard, and we believe denigrate, numerous other carefully designed and now-historic landmarks in our nation's capital.

The NPS failed, in its recently completed environmental assessment (EA), to persuasively present a rationale for why the nation needs what it calls a "triumphal arch." The assessment downplays—without any opportunity for public input or comment—the disruptive effects of months-long, 20-hour-per-day construction on residents of the capital, and especially to visitors, most notably veterans and their families, whose loved ones are or will be interred in Arlington National Cemetery. The proposed design of the arch, with a height overwhelming that of the White House and the U.S. Capitol, would break the sight line between the 99-foot-tall Lincoln Memorial and the ceremonial entrance to the cemetery, which symbolizes the post-Civil War bridging of the North and the South. We believe that neither the mass nor the scale of a grandiose arch befits the solemnity of the existing, low-profile viewscape linking the National Mall to some of our most hallowed ground honoring heroes who selflessly served their country.

The NPS did, in its June 2026 Assessment of Effects Report required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), admit that the proposed arch would affect twenty-two historic properties within the identified area of potential effect. They determined that the project would have direct adverse effects on fourteen historic sites, including the Arlington Memorial Bridge, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House; the Lincoln Memorial; the National Mall; the Washington Monument; the Pentagon; the Lyndon B. Johnson Memorial Grove; the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, and several cultural landscapes surrounding some of those sites as well as the Lady Bird Johnson Park and Memorial Avenue Corridor. In neither the environmental assessment nor the assessment of effect does the NPS sincerely consider any alternative locations for a new monumental arch. Nor does the proponent offer alternative designs, heights, or massing, although the simulated views shown in images 7, 9, and 13 of the EA clearly demonstrate the adverse effect a new 250-foot-tall arch would have on existing historic and iconic views across the Arlington Memorial Bridge and along the Potomac River.

NPS' longstanding practice under Section 106 has been to avoid or minimize adverse effects on historic properties. If that is not possible, managers and consulting parties resolve such adverse effects through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). The NPS, however, includes with its environmental assessment a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), despite the acknowledged adverse effects on many historic properties of obvious national importance. Then the FONSI admits that, because NHPA compliance is incomplete, the NPS will issue a separate stand-alone decision document at a future date. We believe that the NPS' admission of direct adverse effects, and more indirect effects on additional cultural properties, warrants preparation of an environmental impact statement with an associated public comment period of at least forty-five days as required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA.)

In addition, this proposed arch ignores other legislation. The Commemorative Works Act of 1986 requires such new works on federal land in the District of Columbia to be preceded by a careful, deliberative planning process involving approval by the U.S. Congress. We urge the National Capital Planning Commission to await more thorough analysis and public input prior to approving designs and a site location for a commemorative arch to the historic landscape of Washington, D.C.

Americans and visitors from around the world look with awe and reverence to National Park Service properties that demonstrate and tell stories of our rich history as preserved on the landscape of greater Washington, D. C.—a product of long and deliberate planning, design, and construction informed and directed by some of the nation's best architects and historians. Any new memorials, such as a triumphant monumental arch, deserve the same careful consideration.

Thank you for considering our input on this important issue.

Sincerely,

/s/

John W Wade
Executive Director

Name: Mary Roth
Date: July 7, 2026 6:30:01 pm

Please vote against the new monument. Its self aggrandizing(sp?), an unnecessary expense when average people are struggling. Momument to presidents are decided after thier term.

Name: Patrick Hughes
Date: July 7, 2026 6:45:16 pm

To whom it may concern.

To allow a man who referred to our war dead in Europe as suckers and looser's. To desecrate the view shed of all who have stood and fallen in defense of our freedoms by this petty selfishness of the same man's vanity insults all who served.

This should never be built. It should never be allowed.

Patrick Hughes
American

Name: Katie Tosh
Date: July 7, 2026 6:52:20 pm

Do. Not. Build. That. Arch.

Name: Lisa Caruana
Date: July 7, 2026 6:53:00 pm

This project is an absurd waste of money and resources. Plus, it is an architectural monstrosity. I want single payer healthcare, not a useless arch to Trump's massive ego.

Name: Pamela Boehr
Date: July 7, 2026 7:02:42 pm

Dear Commissioners:

My family and I hold Washington, D.C. dear to our hearts. When I had just turned sixteen we drove into the city when darkness had fallen and upon seeing the Capitol Building tears welled up in my eyes. Little did I know that I would be so fortunate as to visit the city four more times. As a tourist I was able to visit the White House twice and on two future visits I was invited to attend there at the invitation of a previous sitting president and first lady. One of my sons has lived and worked in the city for nearly twelve years.

It saddens and alarms me that so many vanity projects are being proposed. Frankly, I am vehemently against them all.

The proposal of the New Monumental Arch is before you and as you can see the adverse effects are numerous. I believe

the adverse effects far outweigh the beneficial effects. I therefore urge you to deny approval of the preliminary site and building plans.

Sincerely,

PAMELA BOEHR

Name: Diana Saltanovitz

Date: July 7, 2026 7:18:56 pm

I am strongly against any monuments or arches in Washington DC added simply because Trump wants them. Whatever happened to getting congressional approval and the people's approval? Trump demolished the East wing without asking anybody's permission. The reflecting pool was a no-bid disaster. The pay-per-view wrestling is a prime example of corruption. Washington DC White House, the lawn, the monuments, and the cemetery do not belong to Trump. These belong to the American people, and he's treating it like his own private decorating scheme and charging taxpayers for what he feels like doing without going through the proper steps. In the meantime, people are having trouble affording groceries paying health insurance, and putting gas in their cars. Trump is focused on decorating to suit his own whims.

Name: Lori Travis

Date: July 7, 2026 7:20:53 pm

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed 250-foot Triumphal Arch at Memorial Circle. This massive structure alters the fabric of our capital and directly compromises the solemn nature of its surrounding landmarks. I urge the review panels to reject this proposal based on the following critical concerns:

Desecration of Sacred Sightlines: At 250 feet tall, this structure would stand more than twice the height of the Lincoln Memorial. It would permanently block the historic, symbolic visual link between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. This area is intended to be a solemn space for reflection, not dominated by an oversized architectural intrusion.

Lack of Congressional Authorization: Moving forward with this project without explicit congressional approval violates established memorial processes. The administration's reliance on a century-old 1925 law regarding the Arlington Memorial Bridge does not grant unlimited authority to erect massive new monuments.

Fiscal Irresponsibility: Dedicating public lands, agency resources, and potential taxpayer funding to an unnecessary, out-of-scale vanity project is fundamentally irresponsible. Federal resources should instead focus on infrastructure and supporting our veterans, rather than a monument widely viewed as an exercise in self-importance.

Safety and Regulatory Violations: A 250-foot structure directly within the flight path of Reagan National Airport poses clear airspace risks that have not been adequately studied. Furthermore, the height grossly violates the spirit of the 1910 Height of Buildings Act, which exists specifically to protect Washington's historic skyline. The National Mall and its surrounding memorial gateways belong to the American people.

This project is an unnecessary, un-American addition that diminishes our existing civic traditions. I ask that you protect the integrity of our capital and halt this project immediately.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these public comments.

Name: Jeni Washeleski

Date: July 7, 2026 7:26:04 pm

Hello. I am writing in opposition to the monumental arch that is proposed to be placed en route to Arlington National Cemetery. This arch would darken the sacred peace that our nation's men and women have earned through their service and sacrifice. In addition, it would overwhelm the current architectural monuments that are a signature of our nation's capitol. Thirdly, it's construction will hinder for an indeterminate amount of time a family's ability to visit and mourn their

loved ones and the nation to bear witness to true heroes of our nation. Please do not let the planning for this new monumental arch move forward. It is a waste of tax payer funds and does nothing to honor the memory and sacrifices of so many of our sons and daughters.

Name: Phillip Reeder

Date: July 7, 2026 7:54:08 pm

The Triumphant Arch proposal has such potential for undeniably altering the current overall orientation and visual impact of the memorials of the District and northern Virginia, a sacred treasure of all citizens of the United States, that such a proposal should undergo much more discussion and consideration by a much broader segment of the entire United States community than this committee. At the least, this proposal should be formally considered by the U.S. Congress.

Name: Louise Julig

Date: July 7, 2026 7:56:21 pm

I am opposed to the current design of the monumental arch, specifically the huge golden statues on top. An arch on its own isn't a bad idea, but something more modest that wouldn't dwarf the Lincoln Monument and isn't topped with gaudy gold would be better. The gold seems to me to symbolize the adulation of wealth, not the egalitarian values our country was founded on.

Name: David Klinger

Date: July 7, 2026 8:05:56 pm

The National Park Service, in its evaluation of the impacts of the Triumphal Arch, as proposed, has acknowledged that the line-of-sight between the City of Washington and Arlington National Cemetery would be diminished as a corollary impact of this structure. Specifically, it has documented that the view of the Eternal Flame on the gravesite of President John F. Kennedy would be impinged upon.

Given the care with which this presidential gravesite was selected in 1963 and installation of the permanent Eternal Flame was installed in 1964 -- both of which specifically align with the Custis-Lee Mansion above them and the Memorial Bridge below them -- there has been no acknowledgment by this project's proponents on how they propose to mitigate this loss.

Numerous government and news media photographers since the interment of President Kennedy have documented the iconic, nightly view of the Eternal Flame, which has burned continuously for the past 62 year, during which time it has become a fixture on the Washington landscape.

I request deferral of any approval of this project by the National Capital Planning Commission until this oversight is addressed and remedied in the project proposal.

Name: Gina Fleisher

Date: July 7, 2026 8:08:42 pm

Unnecessary unacceptable and waste of taxpayer money. What is the purpose? More gaudy trash for a pompous ass.

Name: Ann Swisher

Date: July 7, 2026 8:10:16 pm

Re: NCPC File No. 8778 — proposed monumental arch at Memorial Circle

I urge the Commission to deny the preliminary site and building plans. The Commission's own staff recommendation

finds the design inconsistent with the Height of Buildings Act, yet recommends approval anyway. And a dominant structure of this scale simply does not belong at the pivot of the Lincoln Memorial–Arlington ceremonial view — a problem that reducing the height does not fix. Please vote no, or at minimum defer until these legal and design questions are actually resolved rather than left for "later."

Name: Kelly Christenson
Date: July 7, 2026 8:38:03 pm

No no no Arch.

Name: C Henry
Date: July 7, 2026 8:45:35 pm

No to new arch. Stop changing our landscape. Stop building / copying European ridiculous and expensive egotistic monuments, balls rooms and other Trump projects. Spend our money on healthcare, parks, food, housing.... We don't need all these ornate gaudy looks trashing our country.
Thank you.

Name: Julia Johnson
Date: July 7, 2026 8:47:26 pm

Please deny the request to build this arch. It does not serve the public or the aesthetic.

Name: Kelly L
Date: July 7, 2026 8:48:14 pm

This would be a disgraceful, tacky, disrespectful, pathetic addition to DC. Please recognize that this would only further divide, while adding nothing to our history or culture. I vehemently oppose its construction.

Name: janet boyd
Date: July 7, 2026 8:49:03 pm

The Arch will obscure the view and does not fit in with the asthetic and purpose of monuments in this location

Name: Erin Tattersall
Date: July 7, 2026 8:50:44 pm

No.

Name: Christy Goode
Date: July 7, 2026 9:00:35 pm

I oppose the proposed Triumphal Arch. It would drastically alter the historic landscape connecting the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. The proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is incompatible with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery. My parents, as well as over 400,000 other military members and their families, are buried there. Arlington National Cemetery is a powerful reminder of military sacrifice, service, and national unity, all within sight of the monumental core of the nation's capital. Arlington

National Cemetery is a living memorial that honors thirty funeral services each day. The Arch, as proposed, would overshadow Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with its sacred character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers.

The arch at its current proposed height, width, orientation, and location would also alter the view from the Kennedy Gravesite. The gravesite was intentionally positioned beneath the Custis-Lee Mansion to conform to the view that President Kennedy himself remarked on during his official Veteran's Day visit to Arlington Cemetery on November 11, 1963, some two weeks before he was interred at the site.

The installation of the Eternal Flame atop the gravesite serves as a beacon in the dark from the Nation's Capital across the Potomac River. The proposed Triumphal Arch in its current configuration and alignment threatens to permanently hide or obscure this element of Arlington Cemetery.

There have been no surveys or photographic renderings, to my knowledge, that have attempted to quantify and to predict the impact of this structure on night-time visibility of the Eternal Flame. As such, the project record is deficient. The absence of more detailed analysis of how this arch will obscure lines-of-site and visibility is a serious omission.

The monumental core of our nation's capital was intentionally designed as an integrated commemorative space, and a 250-foot arch would disrupt its historic views, symbolism, and character. When new U.S. monuments or memorials are proposed, it has always been at the urging of the American people. This arch should not be built because it is not wanted by the American people.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

Name: Art Salow

Date: July 7, 2026 9:16:11 pm

I am writing in opposition to allowing a monumental arch to be built on the National Mall. This out of scale structure will not be an asset to the mall and should not be built without congressional approval.

Stop this wasteful spending of our tax dollars.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

A. Salow

Architect

Name: Karen Bryant

Date: July 7, 2026 9:18:15 pm

I want to voice my objection to the building of the arch the President wants. I am very much against it. It will overwhelm the area in many ways. I do not believe a decision like that should be made by one man no matter his office. Washington DC represents the people, all the people. There should be a committee set up and we should be asked if we want this. And if it is to be, we should have some say into what it will look like. As it has been described now, it is a gigantic ego boost for Donald Trump, not a reflection of the American people.

Name: Nora Lowe

Date: July 7, 2026 9:26:51 pm

This arch will be an eyesore on the DC skyline. Why not use those funds to revamp public services, feed the hungry, or do perhaps anything else to benefit the average person? I strongly oppose this project.

Name: Garrett Stewart

Date: July 7, 2026 9:27:13 pm

Please don't allow a major modification to our nations national mall and surrounding monuments without the advice and consent of congress and without considering the opinions of serious art critics and architects. The current president's

personal style is notoriously goshche and self aggrandizing. A monumental arch could be added to the capital but it should consider scale and impact on existing monuments and follow all standard approval procedures before breaking ground.

Name: Allan Thunes

Date: July 7, 2026 9:30:40 pm

The national monuments on and around the mall, including Arlington National Cemetery, are an integrated and somber telling of American history that are conceived and rendered with dignity, respect and humility. The proposed Triumphal Arch is none of those. The proposed arch is an abomination, a blight upon and desecration of the land, designed to do one thing, dominate the landscape and draw attention to itself. Rather than furthering the story of America it simply marks the passage of time and aims to be the story itself.

Respectfully yours,
Allan Thunes

Name: Karen O'Connell

Date: July 7, 2026 9:35:39 pm

Please do not build the arch. It will ruin the aesthetics of the already much more significant monuments it will sit between, and more importantly, it indicates a desire to diminish their value in America.

Name: Brenda Ryan

Date: July 7, 2026 9:40:34 pm

We need to place more emphasis and honor on our vets.the arch detracts from Arlington, especially going over the bridge. I am saddened that they are choosing vanity projects like this over care for our vets, programs for those in need, and heathcare. We need to come back to what is important.

Name: Liza Kirwin

Date: July 7, 2026 9:43:06 pm

There is no reason to build a triumphal arch. There has been no triumph. It is purely a vanity project and a waste of money. It needs to be stopped. It is also disrupts and diminishes the sacred ground of Arlington Cemetery. It does nothing to support the American people.

Name: Katie Kepler

Date: July 7, 2026 9:43:52 pm

The Triumphal Arch is an abomination that will desecrate our National Mall and tarnish the sanctity of the area for all of our military families. Please do not approve construction on this project. It is not in the best interest of all Americans nor is it a wise use of funds that could be sent toward other much worthy causes in need.

Name: Stacey Swigart

Date: July 7, 2026 9:45:32 pm

I am writing to say I deeply oppose the construction of the Arch. It is out of scale, has no theme or purpose other than to aggrandize the current President. Nothing about it is "for the people". It will pollute the view shed and the costs are irresponsible and reprehensible when people are struggling. We do not need another vanity project for our country. Thank you.

Name: Elena L

Date: July 7, 2026 9:46:58 pm

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the construction of the Triumphal Arch on the National Mall. The National Mall is a place for all Americans. Without the approval of Congress, the will of the American people is not being duly considered.

The enormous physical scale of the proposed arch is in no way appropriate for the National Mall and would be highly detrimental to the adjacent Arlington National Cemetery, given that the arch would be over two times as tall as the Lincoln Memorial.

Moreover, the values reflected by the design of the proposed arch are not reflective of who we are as a nation.

Again, any changes to the National Mall must be approved by Congress. Let the American people have their say on this project through their elected officials in Congress.

Name: Susan Philbrick

Date: July 7, 2026 9:52:14 pm

Do not ruin the view of the beautiful hillside in front of the cemetery.
Do not build a gaudy over-sized vanity project which WASTES money.
Follow the rules about building monuments in DC. .
NO ARCH!

Name: Brent Forkner

Date: July 7, 2026 10:00:27 pm

Please don't build this wretched thing for our most corrupt President.

Name: Karin Underberg

Date: July 7, 2026 10:03:00 pm

Monuments in Washington DC are carefully designed crafted and built to recognize the military members and civilian leaders who have been recognized to have made significant contributions or sacrifices. They are significant moments in history. They are typically proposed and considered AFTER those being honored have made their contributions. Not by the person who is being honored. To propose a monument to one's self is NOT the purpose of the national mall. If approved it sets a DANGEROUS precedent.
PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE

Name: Suzanne Regnault

Date: July 7, 2026 10:04:20 pm

The proposed arch will block the view from Arlington National Cemetery to the Lincoln Memorial and is purely planned to "honor" one person, Donald J Trump. It does not represent the interests or ideals of the American people. The public lands belong to the American people not to the President. He has already destroyed the White House and the Reflecting Pool. Stop this assault on the Nation's Capital.

Name: Ashley Osborne

Date: July 7, 2026 10:05:29 pm

Dear commission,

The very fact that I have to submit a written comment about the so-called "triumphal arch" makes me so uncomfortable and sad. This entire project is a complete and total embarrassment for our country and every single person pushing this through should never be allowed to handle public projects again. The arch is aesthetically horrifying - it breaks the beautiful sightlines in the historic part of the city, it's tacky and ugly, and it's classless and pompous in all the wrong ways. The location of the arch is equally terrible, and insults our veterans and the actual great Americans who have worked so hard to give us something worth celebrating. Do not let yourselves be swayed by the ravings of a lunatic senior citizen who is hell-bent on fabricating a story of his own legacy - instead I pray you will see through the ruse and will NOT allow the capitol of our nation to be sullied with this crass and tone-deaf exhibition of un-American ideals. Do not let this happen.

Sincerely,

A very concerned and angry American

Name: Brenda Cvetko

Date: July 7, 2026 10:09:30 pm

When I was a young child in the 1960s, my family visited Arlington National Cemetery. I can still recall the feeling that this was someplace important, a place of unspoken reverence, a special place like no other. The proposed arch is a travesty. Not only is it a grandiose eyesore, but it has absolutely no significance or relevance to the breathtakingly beautiful and hallowed grounds in which our most honored countrymen and women solemnly lie nearby. Rather, it is yet again a shameful attempt by one man, bereft of dignity and true honor, to taint, supplicate and steal away the precious landmarks, history, and deeply held traditions of America and its citizens to satisfy his insatiable ego. Please stand tall, stand proud, and reject the arch in its entirety. Dignify the patriotic souls who rest there, the families they left behind, and we Americans who deserve better. Anything else is a betrayal to the traditions upon which America honors those who gave the ultimate sacrifice so that the rest of us can live free.

Name: Inga Buccella

Date: July 7, 2026 10:10:19 pm

Does not exemplify American values.

Competes for focus of other memorials to true patriots. It looks to be an eye sore.

Name: Laura Weaver

Date: July 7, 2026 10:11:22 pm

I am against placing an oversized arch at Arlington National Cemetery.

Name: Rebecca McFadden

Date: July 7, 2026 10:14:32 pm

I both read and listened to a book about the Arlington Cemetery. Besides containing a trove of history, the book was deeply moving. Having a clear open space between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery is just as important today as it was when Lincoln's Memorial was built. Please keep the panorama as it is. Say no to the arch proposal.

Sincerely,

Rebecca McFadden

July 7, 2026

Name: Samantha Gray

Date: July 7, 2026 10:16:26 pm

Hello. I would like to submit my comments that this "Monumental Arch" project be scrapped. This administration has proven time and again that it seeks to serve it's own purposes rather than seeking to serve the people it was sworn in to serve. There is no need for an arch. There are legitimate and life altering needs that could be mitigated with the funds this project seeks to use. So rather than using funds for a gigantic ego trip, use them for something actually beneficial. The project is tacky, and screams of desperation to be noticed and remembered and is unbecoming of the office seeking it's completion.

Name: Susan Winegardner
Date: July 7, 2026 10:19:12 pm

Vote no on the Monumental Arch. It is ugly, poorly planned and designed, and not appropriate for the proposed location, or anywhere in our Capitol.

Vote no on the Monumental Arch. Our existing National Parks and Monuments need funds for maintenance and support of park rangers, there is no reason to spend any money on a completely unnecessary arch in Washington D.C.

Name: Elizabeth Jose
Date: July 7, 2026 10:25:19 pm

I oppose the proposed arch. It is far too large. It will overshadow the beauty of the monuments and mar the sightlines between Arlington National Cemetery and the monuments. The massive arch will impact traffic and pedestrians. The millions of dollars for this project should be spent on something else. There is no need for an arch. If an arch must be built, it should be built in Florida or some other state.

Name: Craig Nesson
Date: July 7, 2026 10:39:14 pm

Please do not support another vanity project by the president! Devote your attention to projects that improve quality of life for the American people. Vote NO!
Thanks.

Name: Michael Berman
Date: July 7, 2026 10:42:33 pm

I am a veteran. I oppose this unsightly proposal.

Name: Karen Hipsher
Date: July 7, 2026 10:43:18 pm

NO-Triumphal Arch No funding for the Arch. Do not block the view of the National Mall from Arlington National Cemetery.

Name: Shayne Russell
Date: July 7, 2026 10:43:46 pm

The National Mall was designed according to a thoughtful plan that considered sightlines, scale, and aesthetics. The proposed arch simply does not fit this plan. It exceeds the height limit set by the Height of Buildings Act of 1910 which was put in place to protect the scale and design of the city and ruins the relationship between the Lincoln Monument and Arlington Cemetery. Furthermore, it will create traffic disruption and pedestrian safety hazards. It is not needed, and its purpose is unclear; nor was it approved by Congress. I hope the commission will consider the feelings of American

citizens regarding our capitol city. With the White House partially in ruin, the Rose Garden paved over, the Reflecting Pool an eyesore, "we the people" do not want another haphazard construction project that will become a permanent problem.

Name: Edward Stierli

Date: July 7, 2026 10:46:01 pm

Please see the attached comments on behalf of the National Parks Conservation Association.

[Attachment](#)

Name: Colleen Ketchum

Date: July 7, 2026 10:46:48 pm

This proposed arch is a monumental waste of taxpayer dollars and an affront to the veterans laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. If beautification of DC is the goal, a tacky triumphal arch will be an eyesore and disrupt the visual flow of the National Mall. The proposed design does not match anything else in that area and will stand out for all the wrong reasons. Not only that, the construction will cause unnecessary burden on people who will be deviated from their normal routes across and around that causeway. We do not need a monumental arch -- no one is asking for it, no one wants it. Do not build this.

Name: John Sarsfield

Date: July 7, 2026 10:56:21 pm

I oppose this vanity project for Trump's aggrandizement. It will block sight lines, it's too tall for the location threatening air traffic, and makes no sense. It will be nothing more than a blight that will need to be removed at additional taxpayer expense.

Name: Bill Dichtl

Date: July 7, 2026 10:57:24 pm

Based on things I have read the Triumphal Arch is out of character for the National Mall. It is too large and overwhelming the other memorials. The arch is not a "preeminent historical and lasting significance to the United States."

Please vote the Triumphal Arch down.

Name: Madelyn Spirnak

Date: July 7, 2026 10:57:36 pm

Building a 250-foot arch at Memorial Circle will physically and symbolically block the view between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. This sightline was designed to symbolize national unity and reconciliation following the Civil War. The arch would dwarf the Lincoln Memorial and become the largest triumphal arch in the world.

The proposed site is on the flight path for Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA), thus the arch's height is a dangerous flight obstruction. Also, the size violates the historic Height of Buildings Act that dictates D.C. skyline limitations.

The administration is bypassing standard federal requirements, violating the Commemorative Works Act—which requires specific congressional authorization—as well as landmark environmental laws. Dedicating substantial time, real estate,

and funds to an unnecessary towering monument instead of directing assets towards the needs of the American people is a travesty.

Name: James Art

Date: July 7, 2026 10:57:37 pm

I am writing to express my firm opposition to the proposed New Monumental Arch on Memorial Avenue, as it is fundamentally incompatible with this historic landscape. Memorial Avenue was intentionally designed as a unified symbolic link between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. Introducing a massive arch would permanently sever the critical, historic sightlines connecting the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington House, and President Kennedy's gravesite.

Furthermore, this project appears driven by personal vanity rather than civic duty, mirroring previous attempts to overshadow President Kennedy's legacy, such as the renaming of the Kennedy Center. There is a legitimate concern that a preliminary approval could pave the way for the site to be improperly utilized as a personal presidential mausoleum.

Beyond these symbolic issues, the arch presents severe logistical liabilities. Its height poses a direct hazard to Reagan National Airport flight paths, and its footprint will worsen traffic congestion, distract drivers, and create dangerous bottlenecks for pedestrians. I strongly urge the National Capital Planning Commission to deny this proposal and preserve our monumental core.

Name: Steve Grei

Date: July 7, 2026 10:59:45 pm

DO NOT build this abomination.

Name: Nancy Fox

Date: July 7, 2026 11:02:21 pm

This so-called arch is just one more vanity project for Trump. We don't need it and we are going broke at a breathtaking speed. Spend OUR money on something useful!

Name: Kevin Rohling

Date: July 7, 2026 11:08:47 pm

I am opposed to the construction of the arch that is too large and will distort the meaning and detract from the nearby monuments.

Name: Lisa R Welle Malone

Date: July 7, 2026 11:10:07 pm

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To Whom It May Concern.

I DO NOT support the building an arch monument near Arlington National Cemetery. The Arch will ruin sight lines with the Lincoln Memorial and the Lee Manison. In addition, the idea of the arch is a misuse of tax payer money and funds of the NPS.

I strongly oppose the building of the arch in any manner, size or scope. Please do not allow this this purposal to move forward.

Sincerely,
Lisa R. Welle Malone.

Name: Cynthia Miller
Date: July 7, 2026 11:10:13 pm

Please do not allow this huge ugly thing which has absolutely no purpose.

Name: Gloria Farrar
Date: July 7, 2026 11:12:19 pm

Please do not build the arch here.

The beautiful line from Arlington cemetery to downtown should not be secured.

It is perfect the way it is unobstructed.

Build the arch in another area of the country .

No arch please

Name: Sherrie Olson
Date: July 7, 2026 11:17:04 pm

Please do not go forward with the construction of a Triumphal Arch. Respect the current features which are beautiful, solemn and respectful as is. Thank you.

Name: Daniel Ness
Date: July 7, 2026 11:20:48 pm

I oppose this cost for construction of another monument.

Name: Patrick DeAngelo
Date: July 7, 2026 11:23:07 pm

It is terribly disrespectful to our heroes buried at Arlington to build a monument that will shadow and tower over their graves.

This sacred ground must remain as it is in honor of all those that gave their lives for us and our freedom.

Please do not allow the Arch to be constructed here.

thank you

Patrick DeAngelo

Name: Sara Waller
Date: July 7, 2026 11:31:31 pm

The Triumphal Arch would stand more than twice the height of the Lincoln Memorial, permanently dominating the National Mall and looming over a cemetery where roughly 30 funeral services are held every day. A project without

Congressional approval and that has skipped reviews. The National Mall is America's front yard, and it belongs to all of us.

Name: Kelly Montegna

Date: July 7, 2026 11:40:08 pm

This arch does not represent the American People. It only reflects the vain self interests of one man. This arch would obscure and lessen the importance of other more important memorials. It desecrates land that is the People's land. Also it is a waste of money. My money. I urge you to reject this disgusting display of self aggrandizement. Thank you.

Name: Ashley Erickson

Date: July 7, 2026 11:50:06 pm

Visiting Arlington National Cemetery is always a somber and reflective experience. Having a 250' arch between the cemetery and Mincoln Memorial would maim the view and distract visitors from the reflective nature of the cemetery. Additionally, the scale of the proposed arch is not fitting with the overall architecture of the current National Mall buildings. As a citizen I am requesting that the Administration complete the required reviews and approvals required by law before continuing.

Name: Dinah Williams

Date: July 7, 2026 11:52:41 pm

6 of my family members, so far, are buried in national cemeteries. While stationed in DC we visited Arlington many times. My father, veteran of the Korean War wept while watching the changing of guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. My father in law, a Purple Heart recipient, and POW during WWII did the same. Arlington National cemetery needs no Triumphant Arch. Arlington is a place to be humbled by the continued sacrifices of thousands. It does not need to be announced with glittering gold edifices on a monumental arch. Nor does the cemetery's presence need to be obscured by another taxpayer folly and burden. There's a war, remember? . Let's try and keep part of our Capitol city worthy of simplicity and humility. Duty, honor, country.

Name: Edward Reynolds

Date: July 7, 2026 11:54:03 pm

I am against any major changes made to the areas of the National Mall and Arlington National Cemetery in the absence of any kind of bipartisan consensus. These are deeply meaningful areas to all of the American people, not just those of one party or the other. Particularly the area in front of Arlington National Cemetery, this is hallowed ground made do by people who gave their lives for the country rather than one political party.

Name: Shirley Boyce

Date: July 7, 2026 11:56:06 pm

No need for an overpowering arch that will take away from significant, existing historical landmarks.

Public Comments for New Monumental Arch

Total comments: 514

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Name: Betsy Clawson

Date: July 8, 2026 12:10:30 am

As an American and an Arlingtonian I am fully opposed to the construction of this vanity arch. The cost, the location, the impact on local traffic, and the visual obstruction that it will cause at a sacred site are unnecessary, unwarranted, and unwanted. I vehemently object to this project moving forward.

Name: CHRISTINE PHILBEN

Date: July 8, 2026 12:15:42 am

The arch is not in keeping with the architecture of the surrounding area. It's far too large and it overwhelms Arlington National Cemetery. This project has not been reviewed by the proper authorities. Washington DC is not President Trump's personal playground, it is the Capital of the us, the People of the United States. As a Retired Army Veteran, I vehemently oppose this project.

Name: Marianne Devenny

Date: July 8, 2026 12:20:11 am

To whom it may concern:

I want to express my opposition to the Monumental Arch.

In addition to being an eyesore that it would impose to the beautiful vista in that area, it would be an insult to the historical character and the memory of those honored in that area.

Sincerely,

Marianne Devenny

Name: Moira Walker

Date: July 8, 2026 12:36:50 am

Building a "Triumphal" Arch blocking the siteline to Arlington National Cemetery is a complete and utter disgrace! It is also a waste of taxpayer money. We do not need to cave to Mr. Trump's ego. He is not a king but rather a public servant just like every other elected and/or appointed official. He has done too much damage to our public spaces already.

Name: Terry Wyatt

Date: July 8, 2026 12:36:59 am

Another stupid idea from the narcissist-in-chief. Does he have to ruin everything? Please stop.

Name: Rebecca Morgan

Date: July 8, 2026 12:53:33 am

I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed Triumphal Arch. I believe it is not an enhancement to our nation's Capitol area and will take away from that beloved space, overshadowing Arlington Cemetery. It's not needed in any way,

shape, or form. As I understand it, it has not been approved by Congress and has not been submitted for the formal review process. I state my STRONG opposition for this project.

Name: Mary Beth Powers
Date: July 8, 2026 1:27:53 am

I must protest the construction of the “Triumphal Arch.” There is no justification for this gigantic structure. It will break the continuity of the view between the solemn Lincoln Memorial and the solemn Arlington Cemetery. If built as planned, it will be a scar on the landscape of our national capitol. With its grotesque gold winged statues, it’s clearly a vanity project, designed with no sense of elegance or taste. It will have all the grandeur of a Vegas hotel. It’s an insult to the American people.

Name: Rebecca Salvi
Date: July 8, 2026 1:56:26 am

I oppose the Triumphal Arch proposed to be erected at the national cemetery. Its purpose is questionable and it will look gaudy and distracting in the setting of a place of somber respect. Too many structures are being built in our capital

Name: Lisa Peterson
Date: July 8, 2026 2:09:58 am

Please do not waste tax money on this. There are so many other ways to spend that money for the benefit of the nation. It also has no place in DC blocking our true monuments.

Name: Sandra Wilson
Date: July 8, 2026 2:10:33 am

The “Triumphal Arch” has not been properly reviewed and has not been approved by Congress. In addition, it is disrespectful to America’s military families whose loved ones are buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Please do not approve this abomination.

Name: Susan Cox
Date: July 8, 2026 2:36:13 am

I oppose this monumental arch. It desecrates the original design between the Lincoln Memorial & Arlington National Cemetery.

Name: Kathy Gill
Date: July 8, 2026 2:46:29 am

I am writing in opposition to the proposed arch that would dwarf everything that makes Washington, DC, special. It would loom over Arlington Cemetery. It would be twice as tall as the Lincoln Memorial.

This arch does not have the necessary sanction of Congress nor have they allocated funds.

There is nothing here but a grandiose vanity project.

Please say no.

Name: Barbara Merideth
Date: July 8, 2026 2:50:41 am

Visually, this does not “match” the area around where it is proposed. The size of it is totally inappropriate. At no point in time should a sitting president be allowed to build a monument to himself on public land. Nor should he be allowed to rename buildings after himself. IF he or she is deemed worthy after they leave office, then the following Congress may choose to name something after him. But he must build his own “library” or whatever monstrosity he wants to build, with permission prior to building, with his own money. My taxpayer dollars should not be used for his unearned “glory”.

Name: Antonia Vignocchi
Date: July 8, 2026 2:57:02 am

Dear Committee Members,

My father was in the 7th Infantry which liberated the Concentration Camp Dachau, the effort and horror of that place and the bombing (“when the clouds came the bombs fell) haunted him with PTSD.

Putting this Arch or any change to the land that those members of the Military buried in Arlington is a disgrace of unprecedented respect.

Please do NOT allow, permit, accept, approve any constructions anywhere, hasn’t enough been done already?

Daughter of a two World War Veterans,
Antonia Vignocchi. Ed.D

Name: Carolyn Ritchie
Date: July 8, 2026 3:01:12 am

This arch is a desecration of our soldiers who gave everything to protect our country.

It is being built for only one reason - to self-serve one man.

ZERO money should be spent on this monstrosity.

Name: Diane Milburn
Date: July 8, 2026 3:58:44 am

There is no good reason to build the arch. The nation’s capital is a place for monuments that recognize our shared history, not one man’s enormous ego. Please do not spend our tax dollars on something so egregious.

Name: MaryAnne Maigret
Date: July 8, 2026 4:17:04 am

The proposed monumental arch at the Arlington Bridge is inappropriate and will adversely affect the integrity of Arlington Nationall Cemetery. Please do your duty and reject this proposal.

Name: Susan Weida
Date: July 8, 2026 5:09:52 am

This project is an insult to Americas hard working people who live with modesty and honor. Washington DC is being reformed into a giant carnival. I have visited and walked the city with such pride as I viewed the lovely monuments to people who served our country. This large monstrosity will overtake all of that thoughtful beauty and history. Please do not allow this to happen. Look at how our historic White House has been ruined. Save our country's history.

Name: Teri Cooney

Date: July 8, 2026 5:27:54 am

Not only is the arch unnecessary it is unwanted. Unless a project has gone thru all the proper channels it shouldn't even be up for discussion. The amount of headache this project would create is astronomical. Do better!

Name: Donna Horton

Date: July 8, 2026 5:43:37 am

I oppose the building and implementation of the proposed "New Monumental Arch" for the following reasons.

Disruption of Historic Viewsheds: The colossal arch would obstruct the intentional sightline between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery, a vista deliberately designed to represent Civil War reunification.

Disrespect to Hallowed Grounds: At 250 feet tall, the monument would dwarf the Lincoln Memorial. Critics argue this looming presence conflicts with the solemnity required for Arlington National Cemetery, where grieving families visit. Veterans have filed a lawsuit, and many view it as an inappropriate vanity project for a living president.

Questionable Funding Sources: The administration diverted \$15 million from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to initiate the project, which lawmakers argue robs important educational and cultural programs of necessary funding.

Bypassed Approvals and Legislation: The project has been advanced without formal congressional authorization. Critics argue this violates existing laws regulating National Park Service land use, leading to ongoing House of Representatives efforts to block its construction.

Safety and Congestion Concerns: The proposed location sits directly in the active flight path for Reagan National Airport (DCA) and raises concerns about traffic disruptions on major regional roadways.

Respectfully,
Donna Horton

Name: Barbara Smith

Date: July 8, 2026 5:55:07 am

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Arch project.

There has been no credible reason given for its construction.

Hastily devised projects with no purpose are performative but honor nothing.

The scale is not in keeping with the setting, where it would alter and diminish the current monuments and views.

A look at recent projects done during this administration shows that spending taxpayer money on no bid contracts and rushing projects leaves behind dismal results.

Please use your expertise to block this project.

Best Regards,
Barbara Smith

Name: Theresa Doyon

Date: July 8, 2026 6:02:37 am

As an American citizen, I would like to comment on the proposed arch to be built.

I am not in favor of this coming into fruition. Two reasons alone, waste of taxpayer money and an architectural feature designed to

glorify one person- not symbolize America, are important enough reasons to cancel the project. There are other reasons,

but no need
to go into them. Please do not allow this arch to be built.

Name: Y.R. Owens
Date: July 8, 2026 6:05:12 am

Not only does this arch abbreviate the purposefully designed and symbolic view of Arlington from the Lincoln Memorial, it also interrupts the view of the Military Women's Memorial and reflecting pool that resides in the Cemetery's retaining wall structure. But besides the arch's intrusion into a sacred axis, NOBODY vetted this project's design nor has a civic group proposed its construction. The entire Nazi flavored statement is from an 80 year old mentally deranged lunatic. That is the message this structure will make if it is built. Do not allow this gaudy antithesis to America's tastefully designed capital to be built.

Name: Carey Stavrevski
Date: July 8, 2026 6:11:19 am

Please do not build this monstrosity. The scale and appearance of it will dwarf the surrounding memorials and the impede view of the cemetery, which should serve as a constant reminder of those who have given their lives for this country. This project is a complete waste of taxpayer money and needs to be stopped.

Name: Glenna Perry
Date: July 8, 2026 6:23:25 am

Please do not approve this arch. It would be a huge eyesore, dominating the landscape, and a huge waste of taxpayers' money.

Name: Beverly Donofrio
Date: July 8, 2026 6:27:25 am

Do not build the arch. It would be disrespectful to all of our heroes buried in Arlington National Cemetery and destroy the planned architecture and beauty of that part of our nation's capital.
Thank you

Name: Alyssa Hovanec
Date: July 8, 2026 6:27:28 am

I am writing to express my vehement objection to the proposed 250-foot Triumphal Arch. This massive structure is entirely out of scale with our nation's capital and directly threatens the historic and architectural integrity of the National Mall and Memorial Avenue.

At 250 feet tall, the arch would completely dwarf the Lincoln Memorial. By dominating the historic, uninterrupted vista between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery, it would mar the outward views from a hallowed site where countless veterans and their families honor our nation's military sacrifice.

Our capital's ceremonial core is the product of generations of deliberate, democratic planning. This project bypasses rigorous review processes and disregards established preservation guidelines. The National Mall belongs to all Americans and should be protected from oversized, polarizing additions.

I urge the Commission to halt this project and reject the current concept plans.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Hovanec
Pottstown, Pennsylvania

Name: Lauren Coleman
Date: July 8, 2026 6:27:36 am

We don't need this. It's a waste of money. There are so many other things that our country could be spending money on that would help our citizens. This isn't it.

Name: Jennifer Powell
Date: July 8, 2026 6:28:48 am

This arch has no business being built. Never in history have we built a memorial to a sitting president. We judge our leaders retrospectively, after their terms have ended and perhaps many years after, in order to take a subjective view of their achievements and character. Trump only hoped to glorify himself with this monstrosity, larger than the monuments for our most revered civic figures. I am vehemently opposed to this monument.

Name: MA Mathews
Date: July 8, 2026 6:32:13 am

DC does not need and should not be subjected to a gigantic arch that would obstruct the views between the historic monuments to Jefferson and Lincoln and Arlington Cemetery. I have always thought the drive into Arlington was regal just as it is. Unfortunately, our current president cares more about building gaudy monuments than he does about preserving history or respecting the process needed when proposing major changes.

Name: Kathleen Amedio
Date: July 8, 2026 6:35:25 am

This vanity, self promoting Arch is so unnecessary and a huge waste of taxpayers money. It's all in the name of vane. We don't need such a display, waste of time, space, and the money could be used better elsewhere.

Name: Mccullough Laura
Date: July 8, 2026 6:41:51 am

The Arch is a ridiculous monument to nothing- a living president memorializing himself is inappropriate. Further, its placement detracts from the view of Arlington, perhaps our most inspirational historical site.

Name: Lynne Tobin
Date: July 8, 2026 6:41:52 am

The proposed Triumphal Arch, which would stand more than twice the height of the Lincoln Memorial, permanently dominating the National Mall and looming over a cemetery where roughly 30 funeral services are held every day, is a grossly inappropriate symbol of self-aggrandizement . This project does not have Congressional approval and has skipped reviews. The National Mall is America's front yard, and it belongs to all of us. Stop this abuse of power and waste of public funds now

Name: Barbara Kurner

Date: July 8, 2026 6:42:39 am

I am writing in strong opposition to the proposed 250-foot triumphal arch planned for Memorial Circle, between the Arlington Memorial Bridge, Arlington National Cemetery, and the Lincoln Memorial.

This ground was designed to hold something solemn: an unbroken sightline connecting the nation's capital to its war dead, meant to be quiet, dignified, and unobstructed. A 250-foot monument topped with a gilded winged figure, eagles, and lions overwhelms that meaning entirely. It turns the approach to Arlington into a backdrop for spectacle rather than a place of remembrance.

Families visit Arlington to grieve. They deserve a solemn approach, not years of round-the-clock construction, cranes taller than the Capitol, and a monument that permanently blocks the view between the Lincoln Memorial and the cemetery.

The process behind this project is also troubling. Reporting indicates it moved forward using an existing contract that bypassed standard public bidding, and that nearly all public comments submitted so far have opposed it. A monument of this scale and permanence, at one of the most symbolically important sites in the country, deserves full and transparent review — not a fast-tracked design.

I urge the Commission to reject this design and site, or at minimum require a full, independent review with genuine public input before any construction proceeds. Arlington's approach should remain a place of quiet remembrance, not a monument to spectacle.

Name: Mila Hathaway

Date: July 8, 2026 6:42:57 am

I am against it. Our country has a lot of problems and I don't want my tax money being spent on this! I don't like the design either.

Name: Donna Cleverdon

Date: July 8, 2026 6:45:22 am

ANY construction on the traffic circle before the entrance of Arlington National Cemetery will be a hazard to safe negotiation of that roadway. ANY construction of a large building will obstruction the view between Arlington National Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial. This view between the two historical sites is not accidental. It is deeply and profoundly symbolic, meaningful and historically significant. To build anything that interferes with that unobstructed view would be a desecration. In the words of Nancy Reagan, "Just say NO."

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Name: Joann Marsili

Date: July 8, 2026 6:45:46 am

There is no way that a convicted felon should be able to demonstrably change the skyline of DC. Especially since this is a monument to himself. He will be remembered as causing the most grief for Americans so do not waste tax dollars creating a monument that will likely be removed the second he is out of office. This monstrosity to his memory is unnecessary

Name: Amy Truly

Date: July 8, 2026 6:49:47 am

My husband is buried at Arlington Cemetery. The proposed arch is too large and would be an eyesore. It would affect sight lines facing DC. I drive this area regularly and feel it could also negatively impact traffic. It would dwarf other longstanding DC monuments and is not appropriate for this sight. I oppose this project. Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Dona Chewning

Date: July 8, 2026 6:49:55 am

I am writing in strong opposition to the proposed 250-foot triumphal arch planned for Memorial Circle, between the Arlington Memorial Bridge, Arlington National Cemetery, and the Lincoln Memorial.

I write as someone who has served 29 years in the United States military.

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Name: Gail Haynes

Date: July 8, 2026 6:50:10 am

I am completely against the proposed Arch. It is completely out of proportion for the sacred approach to Arlington Cemetery. There was a plan for the layout of Washington and this adds nothing and actually detracts from the existing proportions and views. The United States of America should not be trying to duplicate other world monuments. We should be investing in the American people not the vanity of one person who likes to build (and also destroy things).

Name: Kathleen Justic

Date: July 8, 2026 6:52:48 am

The proposed Triumphal Arch will be an eyesore and will ruin the symmetry of the national mall and overshadow the quiet and awesome ceremonial sight of Arlington Cemetery. No President should be allowed to alter the landscape of the National Mall or other buildings dedicated to past Presidents without following procedures in place or without the consent and approval of the American people. I DO NOT APPROVE of the over large and unnecessary arch.

Name: Donna Wilson

Date: July 8, 2026 6:53:15 am

What a colossal waste of resources when the American public is suffering due to huge cuts in social programs! And our current President (and his Administration) should be shamed and NOT glorified by this monstrosity!

Name: Barbara Michael

Date: July 8, 2026 6:55:51 am

STOP THE TRIUMPHAL ARCH! It is nothing for a self-agrandizing project to a person that does not deserve a monument. Not only is it inappropriate to build a monument to oneself, but the arch would be a detriment to the present landscape and other appropriate monuments in our national capital.

Besides being an inappropriate monument, the project will cost the citizens millions to construct it. This is also highly inappropriate in light of the fact that so many citizens are suffering from high costs for necessities and medical care. This due to inflation primarily caused by the person intending to memorialize himself with the triumphal arch.

Please do not let this project be built!!!!!!!

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Michael

Name: Jenny Winschief

Date: July 8, 2026 6:57:57 am

I do not believe a 250 foot arch is the best use of our dollars. The monument has no purpose other than a vanity project. It will restrict air traffic and cause an unsightly view over one of our most hallowed areas of the nation's capital. It is a bad idea.

Name: Deborah Colgan

Date: July 8, 2026 7:04:12 am

I urge you to reject this monstrosity that is nothing more than a vanity project.

My brother, Captain George B Colgan III is buried at Arlington Cemetery. He was killed in action in Vietnam while saving the lives of his fellow soldiers. His heroism was awarded the silver star posthumously. As a Gold Star family, I believe our opinion should hold extra weight.

The placement of the Lincoln Memorial across from Robert E Lee House is extremely meaningful view and should not be interrupted with a horrendous structure that holds no significance to the site.

As a young girl, I remember watching John Kennedy's funeral procession cross over the bridge towards the cemetery. The importance of the event was not lost on me.

Later, traveling the GW Parkway for my brother's burial, we approached the circle and the cemetery entrance and I knew that his funeral, too, was of great import. His country understood to, and received him in a manner that befitting of a war hero. Can you imagine having to dodge tourists clambering up and around a nonsensical structure during such a solemn event?

This silly project is an affront to all those buried at Arlington Cemetery. When you say "thank you for your service", do you really mean it? If so, respect those who have served our country. Do not demean them with an out of place, self-glorifying monument.

Name: Rachel Kolar
Date: July 8, 2026 7:06:53 am

This proposed arch ignores other legislation. The Commemorative Works Act of 1986 requires such new works on federal land in the District of Columbia to be preceded by a careful, deliberative planning process involving approval by the U.S. Congress. We urge the National Capital Planning Commission to await more thorough analysis and public input prior to approving designs and a site location for a commemorative arch to the historic landscape of Washington, D.C.

It is imperative Congress approves the arch.
There are many other ways NPS should be utilizing their funds

Sincerely
Rachel Kolar

Name: Lynn Halton
Date: July 8, 2026 7:07:33 am

Friends and heroes are buried at Arlington National Cemetery and I do NOT want this arch nearby then in any form. President Abraham Lincoln was a hero and the view of his monument should NOT be blocked.

Please do the right thing and turn down the proposal from the Monument Arch!

Name: Deborah Berbert
Date: July 8, 2026 7:09:38 am

Please, NO.
My first time submitting a comment.
I could not - not.
No Tacky Arch
He has done enough.
My 73-year-old heart is breaking.

Name: Heidi doyle
Date: July 8, 2026 7:17:20 am

NO arch! Please preserve the viewscape that honors our fallen and the vision of previous landscapes architects that created this grand and enduring space.

Name: Elissa Wold

Date: July 8, 2026 7:17:20 am

Federal laws, including the Commemorative Works Act of 1986, explicitly require Congressional approval for constructing monuments on federal parkland in the nation's capital.

Name: Pam Mitchell

Date: July 8, 2026 7:18:01 am

The projected Monumental Arch will be an eyesor it will block the view from the sacred grounds of Arlington Cemetary to the Lincoln Memorial. The funds required have NOT been approved by the American People and NO American President gets to build a memorial to his or her eho in their lifetime. Vote NO in all aspects of this project. It is an abomination. We are NOT a conquering country. We are NOT monarchy or dictatorship.

Name: Donna Fassler

Date: July 8, 2026 7:22:49 am

I would like to see our tax dollars spent more thoughtfully. The list of unnecessary renovations and new construction is growing while our National Parks (adored by Americans and tourists alike) are neglected and our debt rises. Additionally, the reflecting pool is an example of how badly this project could go under an administration that doesn't even bid out projects and appears to look for scapegoats when they end up with problems.

Name: Susan McCrary

Date: July 8, 2026 7:23:12 am

No. Please, no.

The size and scale of this proposed arch is grossly inappropriate.

Please do not allow this desecration.

Very Respectfully,
Susan McCrary, LCDR, USN, RET.,

Name: Stacy Karli

Date: July 8, 2026 7:25:03 am

Please do not approve this arch. The placement so close to Arlington cemetery will affect the solemnity of those grounds. This structure does not belong in DC, and especially does not belong in the proposed location. This is a complete waste of taxpayer dollars. Listen to the people, we do not want this!

Name: Janet Cater

Date: July 8, 2026 7:29:00 am

I oppose this arch tat will desecrate our national heroes. It is ugly and takes away from our glorious heroes.

Name: Nancy Dorval
Date: July 8, 2026 7:30:01 am

This country does not need another monument. We need to maintain and preserve the ones we have. We certainly don't need one adorned in gold. This monument might reflect who this administration is, but not what our country stands for. I do not want my tax dollars to go to this nonsense. I would prefer it go to childcare.
Nancy Dorval

Name: Amy Grimm
Date: July 8, 2026 7:30:15 am

This arch project needs to be stopped. It is a desecration of the hallowed nature of Arlington Cemetery. It is nothing more than yet another vanity project for a president who has already destroyed so much. Please do not allow it to continue.

Name: Suzanne McRury
Date: July 8, 2026 7:36:50 am

Please do not allow the construction of the triumphal arch. Not only are the proposed designs ugly and out of scale for the location, the very idea of a triumphal arch goes against the core founding principles of our country. We believe that we are all equal, we do not triumph over others. Triumphal arches are for wanna be emperors, not Americans.

Name: Sarah Bell
Date: July 8, 2026 7:41:06 am

We don't need an arch to cast a shadow over memorials to our veterans. We need to properly fund our national parks, feed the hungry, provide healthcare, and fund public education. In short, we need to take care of the American people and not build useless monuments.

Name: Cathy Sugden
Date: July 8, 2026 7:41:45 am

Hello
My name is Catherine Sugden
I was taught about and lived in a family, neighborhood and country that instilled in my heart and life honor and respect for those who gave their life for us.
Ww2 and Korea and Vietnam.veterans ..laying in rest in Arlington and now are being shadowed by an ego driven minmument. That means nothing to us American and self imposed by a president who thinks it deserves to stand and block the air of respect, the space of honor of the men and women we have held with deep respect and in silent honor in our hearts and in thus sacred space of Arlington.
Please do not permit this arch to be built. For what purpose do we choose to do this. It darkens the memory and honor of all those who have gone before us.
We say no one is above the law, that is not working out too good for us
Please do not let one man take up space and throw a shadow of disrespect on the people who gave their all for our country.
It feels like a burial veil over the past history.
I am so saddened by this event that the arch will create for our country.
Please consider not approving it
Thank you
Catherine sugden

Name: Kim Greene
Date: July 8, 2026 7:42:04 am

I am writing to register my strong opposition to the proposed Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle, and to urge the Commission to reject this project or, at minimum, to require substantial revisions before any further approval is granted.

1. It destroys one of the nation's most significant sightlines.

Memorial Circle sits at the heart of a deliberately designed viewshed connecting the Lincoln Memorial, the Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House at Arlington National Cemetery. That axis was created after the Civil War to symbolize reconciliation between North and South. At 250 feet — more than twice the height of the Lincoln Memorial and taller than the Arc de Triomphe — this structure would visually dominate and interrupt that corridor rather than honor it.

2. The location is inappropriate given its proximity to Arlington National Cemetery.

Memorial Circle is the ceremonial gateway to the graves of hundreds of thousands of servicemembers. A monument of this scale, sited immediately adjacent to that cemetery, risks overshadowing a solemn place of national mourning with a structure whose scale and ornamentation are more celebratory than reverent.

3. The approval process has bypassed normal safeguards.

This project has moved forward without a competitive design process, without a clear, published cost estimate, and — according to a pending lawsuit — without the congressional authorization that opponents argue is required for construction of this scale on federal land at this site. The Commission should not advance a project of this magnitude on the basis of an administrative shortcut.

4. Public comment has been overwhelmingly opposed.

Of the public comments submitted to date, the substantial majority have opposed the project, citing its scale, its cost, its impact on the historic viewshed, and its proximity to Reagan National Airport approach paths. A project reshaping one of the most visited and symbolically important landscapes in the country deserves broad public buy-in, not approval over near-unanimous objection.

5. Unresolved safety and logistical questions remain.

Federal reviewers themselves have flagged open questions about pedestrian safety on what is currently a busy traffic circle, and about implications for nearby flight paths — questions that have not yet been fully answered in the record. For these reasons, I urge the Commission not to advance this proposal to final approval. I ask that any further consideration require: (1) full public disclosure of projected costs and funding sources, (2) an independent review of the sightline and cemetery-proximity impacts, and (3) resolution of the pending legal questions regarding authorization before any construction.

Name: Donna Holloway
Date: July 8, 2026 7:42:12 am

I am writing concerning the arch that will block and distract from Arlington National Cemetery. I am against it being built and wanted to submit my objection. It doesn't belong in that location or any location in Washington for that matter. Hopefully this will be taken into consideration and discussed at length before rushing to build this thing. Thank you

Name: Gale Wagner
Date: July 8, 2026 7:43:28 am

Please say no to the Arch that Trump wants to build. It is only a vanity project for Trump only. It is a gaudy, ugly addition that is not needed or wanted.

Name: Nancy Thomas
Date: July 8, 2026 7:43:52 am

I am adamantly opposed to construction of the so-called Triumphal Arch. It would be massive in size and would obstruct the carefully planned view from the Arlington cemetery to the National Mall and its important memorials. Its dominance would be disrespectful to the veterans buried in the cemetery and their families. I have read that it could also have a

negative impact on traffic in the immediate area. Such construction should not be allowed without Congressional review and approval.

Name: Ann Sers

Date: July 8, 2026 7:44:11 am

I am opposed to the monumental arch. Its purpose is undefined and it will overshadow those in Arlington who are true heroes and need to be honored as such. Please do not go forward with this unnecessary use of public monies.

Name: Sharon Simonds

Date: July 8, 2026 7:45:02 am

Arlington is a place of honor and Holy ground. It does not need a golden arch dedicated to a man who did not serve one day in our military. These members resting in Arlington deserve our highest respect. Our citizens are hurting and that money could be used for better things than arches. Do not use taxpayers money for this foolishness!

Name: Karen Mansfield

Date: July 8, 2026 7:45:10 am

The proposed Triumphal Arch is out of character with the National Mall, both in design and purpose. Other monuments recognize lives sacrificed or leadership during pivotal times in our nation's history. This arch, which seems to take inspiration from European monuments celebrating military achievements, does not belong. It does not recognize sacrifice or a hard-fought victory. Instead, it is meant to celebrate the current President who proposed it—an individual who has already constructed a number of other vanity projects to celebrate himself.

If Donald Trump's achievements are worthy of being celebrated on such a scale, such a monument should be initiated by the American people and approved by Congress. Such monuments are not completed while their honoree is still living, so there is no hurry. It is for future Americans, years or even decades from now, to decide whether Trump is worthy of such an honor.

Name: Alys Jarvela

Date: July 8, 2026 7:46:31 am

This project is deeply disrespectful to the American people and it's military service. Residents of DC will have listen to building noise day and night. Visitors to the National Mall will be able to see nothing else of the city as this monument will dominate the scene. Grieving families holding funerals at Arlington will have to do so under that shadow of the big horrible arch. We should not have to pay to dig up and ruin America's front yard so that one man can feel like a king for a minute.

Name: Lisa Colson

Date: July 8, 2026 7:50:20 am

I am writing as I have some concerns about the Trump Triumphal Arch.

At 250 feet, the proposed structure would be twice as tall as the Lincoln Memorial, and would block the line of sight that connects the Lincoln Memorial with the entrance to Arlington Cemetery. I find this disrespectful to Americans who served in military and made the ultimate sacrifice.

Donald Trump says there isn't enough money to properly staff our national parks, maintain public lands, or invest in programs that support veterans, yet somehow there is money for his 250-foot arch vanity project on National Park Service land?

Across the country, National Parks now face more than \$24 billion in deferred maintenance, leaving historic buildings, trails, and visitor facilities in need of repair.

Rather than investing resources in the parks Americans visit every day, the administration has redirected millions in National Park entrance fees to 'Trump beautification projects.' These "redirected millions" have usually been done without the request of Congress, making them illegal uses of tax dollars. Let's slow down and do governance right.

Name: Donna Sibley
Date: July 8, 2026 7:51:13 am

Please do not allow that Arch , my Dad and Brother are buried in Arlington.
Let them remain in Peace, it's all for Trump show, he knows nothing about the sacrifices the men and women in there did
.
Put the money into helping the veterans that live on the streets.

Name: Lori Bengston
Date: July 8, 2026 7:51:22 am

Please do not let trump build this monstrosity. No one wants it, especially veterans and their opinion should matter.

Name: Mary Garnett
Date: July 8, 2026 7:52:40 am

I oppose this new monument.
Large-scale changes must follow the established protocol of going through proper channels. This must include thoughtful, deliberate consideration and Congressional input and approval.
This is a self-centered whim of one president, not the desire of the American people. It would be tacky as well as disrespectful to the cemetery and all it represents,
Thank you.

Name: Maria del Carmen Harrison-Riojas
Date: July 8, 2026 7:54:22 am

This is an unnecessary project. Another vanity project that the public taxpayer doesn't want to foot the bill. This money should be used towards repairs and improvements to our national parks, which sustains itself and brings families together!

I say NO TO THE ARCH!

Name: Diane Greiner
Date: July 8, 2026 7:54:35 am

We don't need a giant arch, copying the one in Paris, here in DC. There is no history connected to it and it interferes with the view of other meaningful monuments.

Name: Susan Hale
Date: July 8, 2026 7:54:48 am

This arch is an abomination and a vanity project of the highest order.
How is it that a project of this scope is allowed to be pushed forward without any Congressional review??

Everything this administration touches withers and dies.
How much more of America's hallowed ground will be sacrificed to appease one man's insatiable ego?

This travesty must be stopped.

Name: Pat Hicks
Date: July 8, 2026 7:57:48 am

I urge you to disapprove of the arch that would over shadow the resting place of brave women and men who fought for our country. The National Mall and Arlington Cemetery have long been symbols of the sacrifices made to make a democracy. A monument to an individual who has contributed nothing to the freedom we enjoy today would be a slap in the face to those who have.

Name: Barbara Bartnik
Date: July 8, 2026 8:01:23 am

I am against the proposed New Monumental Arch. It has no significance whatsoever and it overshadows our most valued memorial, the Arlington National Cemetery. Nothing should be built that devalues or minimizes the lives of our brave and selfless veterans. We owe the veterans buried in Arlington and their families, our utmost respect and gratitude for the ultimate sacrifice they made for our country. Please vote NO on the proposed New Monumental Arch. Sincerely, Barbara BARTNIK

Name: Jennifer Hummel
Date: July 8, 2026 8:02:05 am

As someone with local Planning experience, I am watching this closely. I believe that laws and policies are created for valid reasons. I believe that Planning Officials have a great responsibility to protect the areas they are responsible for in order to serve the interests of the people and jurisdictions that they serve. NCPC has a responsibility to make decisions that serve the interests of ALL Americans.

That said, I must encourage you to place a great emphasis on the viewshed in this case. Arlington National Cemetery is a sacred place for our country. As is The Eternal Flame, which was specifically located to be a part of the Longview on the National Mall. NO monument should be constructed by Anyone, that obstructs that view, purposely set up for special meaning. Please do not grant approval for this project.

Name: Katharine Weber
Date: July 8, 2026 8:04:51 am

I am writing to express my concerns with the plans for a 250' Triumphall Arch to be erected at Memorial Circle, directly between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. My first objection is that, as with many other of Trump's projects, the typical evaluations and legal protocols appear to be disregarded. If I am correct, any construction on National Park land would require approval from Congress, which I would hope would also require a great deal of thought, discussion, evaluation, appropriate permits and a bidding process review for an appropriate constructor. It would seem to me, if done correctly, this would likely take several years, before any construction would even begin to take place. Secondly, the clear view from the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington National Cemetery currently exists not through happenstance. The physical link, the Arlington Memorial Bridge and the axis between the sites, was designed in the early 20th century to serve as a symbol of reunification between the North and the South, following the Civil War. The Lincoln Memorial directly faces Arlington House, the former estate of Confederate General Robert E. Lee, further honoring national unity. The 1902 McMillan Plan dictated that these visual corridors remain unobstructed. The bridge, itself, was built low so as not to interfere with this view.. A 250' arch would certainly violate these intended vistas. Thirdly, I am

drastically concerned over the money being spent, much without specific authorization from Congress, on numerous projects in Washington, D.C. in the past year. I understand that some may feel it appropriate to want to spruce up our Nation's Capital for our 250th anniversary, but with the current national deficit reaching new highs, along with much of our population suffering under ever increasing food and energy prices, I feel it is simply irresponsible to even be considering such an extravagant expense at this time. I feel deeply that the majority of Americans do not approve of the proposed Arch.

If possible, please do not share my personal information publicly..

Name: Carol Duran
Date: July 8, 2026 8:11:08 am

The arch, a vanity project being pushed by the Trump administration, is not needed or wanted. I can list several projects (the East Wing, the Reflecting Pool, the Kennedy Center) that are unfinished and seem to be in a state of limbo. Please, please, please do not start another project that is going to pull resources away from where they are needed and cause unforeseen issues. We have enough to deal with as it is. Enough!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carol Duran

Name: JAN WEISBERG
Date: July 8, 2026 8:13:39 am

No reason to put up a large arch that will obstruct the view of present monuments and other structures. If there is a specific cause or historical reason it might be valid but still should not be larger than present structures

Name: Ariel Fair
Date: July 8, 2026 8:14:44 am

The new arch is a strong armed vanity project with no confessional over site and will be nothing more than a blighted, ugly, dishonorable, lawn ornament. This arch is a symbol of bullying and corruption at the highest level. There is no honor or honesty in this project and it should not proceed under any circumstances.

Name: Christine Nelson
Date: July 8, 2026 8:16:37 am

This is a disgusting vanity project, the money should be reallocated and given back to the parks for maintenance, and to hire back the staff that was fired in the last two years.

No one in America wants this arch, aside from person who is ordering it.

Name: Sue Pankey
Date: July 8, 2026 8:16:58 am

Please vote No on Trumps monument to himself that will ruin Arlington and the current DC area. It is opposed by Veterans and their families that have members buried there. It is going to look tacky and ruin the sanctity of this beautiful cemetery.

Name: Beth Sieben
Date: July 8, 2026 8:17:22 am

Please do not construct this arch.

Name: Mary Lynn Slayden
Date: July 8, 2026 8:21:35 am

The planned Arch near the ANC is an outrage. It will block the view of this hallowed burial ground forever. My husband and two other family members are buried here due to their devoted service to their country, USA. The arch is a vanity project for the most corrupt person ever to be in this powerful role. Our monuments are vetted with care and deliberate sensitivity to all Americans and to our Nation's Capital.

Please reject this and end this brutal take over...

Name: Barbara Manning
Date: July 8, 2026 8:21:48 am

I vote no for the arch

Name: Vicky Jordan
Date: July 8, 2026 8:22:12 am

The structure is much too large for the site and has no underlying meaning. It is like having an oversized participation trophy and does not stand for any identifying event. It will be a major traffic issue and become a source of ridicule for years.

Name: Crystal Snyder
Date: July 8, 2026 8:23:15 am

Arlington is sacred grounds. Putting the arch that is projected to block the view to the cemetery take away from the sacred site. Please respect those who made the ultimate sacrifice and are honored at this cemetery and do not build the arch.

Name: Henry Szydlo
Date: July 8, 2026 8:23:36 am

We don't need an arch at Arlington. We need a new President who gives a hoot about the country and the people and doesn't want to build anything else to remind us of him. When he is gone we don't want any signs that he was ever here. America has survived 250 years without him and will still survive when he is gone!

Name: Elizabeth (Beth) Kearney
Date: July 8, 2026 8:23:48 am

Please do not approve this travesty.

Yours,
Elizabeth Kearney

Name: Jennifer Wicks
Date: July 8, 2026 8:25:34 am

I wish to state that I oppose the construction of the new Monumental Arch. Our tax dollars are better spent on maintaining existing monuments and funding other much needed public programs. The proposed Arch would be an eyesore and ruin the existing views in the area where it is proposed to be constructed.

Name: Virginia Sellers
Date: July 8, 2026 8:25:49 am

DC does not need an arch to commemorate the most corrupt leader ever elected in this country. I have lived in the DC area my entire life and have seen many things built or named for leaders. This is not done by the person themselves, but by people who honor and respect the service of this person. It is done AFTER the fact, as a celebration of the accomplishments to the United States that the person has made.

Currently the view between the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington Cemetery is purposeful and somber. Lincoln sees the Robert E Lee house on the cemetery grounds. The view is long and uninterrupted. It invites contemplation of a time when our nation was divided. It reminds us that we survived that division, though imperfectly. The view highlights the lives sacrificed to conflict in our country, remind us of all of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Placing an oversized arch on memorial circle destroys the view, destroys the somberness of the long expanse. How can anyone justify a "triumphal arch" next to a cemetery? What did we triumph over? What is this monument celebrating other than a horrible narcissistic person who is determined to leave his mark (stain) on our city.

If it is necessary to build this monstrosity, then it must follow the appropriate process. Surveying, engineering, community approval of design and execution are all part of the process. We did this before the MLK Memorial, the WW2 Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial were built. These projects took 10-15 years from concept to completion and were vetted properly.

If the citizens and the representatives agree that the Triumphal Arch should exist, that means the project should be completed in 2036 at the earliest. Pushing this forward in such an aggressive way makes it clear that this project is designed to please this corrupt leader. It cannot happen.

Let's wait 5-10 years after this administration is gone to assess whether this leader has earned a monument in DC. And, to keep things chronological, let's consider monuments to other leaders. DC doesn't have monuments for Carter, Clinton, Obama or Biden. We don't have monuments for either Bush. Shouldn't they be considered before this leader jumps the line? Aren't we in a better position to assess those past presidents?

Name: Lois Horton
Date: July 8, 2026 8:25:56 am

Dear Sirs,
Please respect our courageous veterans by not approving the Monumental Arch. This project will only distract from the peaceful final resting place for those who served our country.
This project is not placing the honor for our soldiers, it is an excessive waste of taxpayer dollars all for the wrong reasons.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lois Horton

Name: Frances Richards
Date: July 8, 2026 8:26:47 am

I do not think this arch will add anything to the beauty of our capital. If anything, it will detract from all the other monuments, especially blocking the view of Arlington Cemetery. It is gaudy and completely unnecessary. Please do not permit this atrocity to ruin DC.

Name: tammy reinke
Date: July 8, 2026 8:28:15 am

I am absolutely against the Arch. It reminds me of every black and white film I have seen of Nazi Germany. Not an appropriate monument.

Name: Wendy Johnson
Date: July 8, 2026 8:29:35 am

DC does not need this arch. The monuments already in place are sufficient and this would literally overshadow Arlington. It is unnecessary and a huge waste of money.

Name: TERRI L DEVANEY
Date: July 8, 2026 8:34:35 am

I am strongly against the proposed Arch. It will take away from the solemn beauty of Arlington National Cemetery.

Name: Sandi Lipe
Date: July 8, 2026 8:34:40 am

There are several reasons I oppose this arch:

- 1). There. should be no monuments to Presidents until they are out of office.
 - 2). This administration has caused the national debt to skyrocket. The money could be better spent elsewhere.
 - 3). I've never been fortunate enough to visit Washington DC, but I understand that the Lincoln Memorial was built so it would have a view of Arlington National Cemetery. This would destroy that view.
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Name: Robin Nemser
Date: July 8, 2026 8:34:57 am

Please do not approve this arch which will totally change the view of Arlington Cemetery. It is not needed, nor wanted. It is disrespectful of those buried at the cemetery. It truly is an undeserved monument to this narcissistic president. The money could be spent to care for veterans instead.

Do not be pressured or bullied by this man. PLEASE!

Name: Janna Glavan
Date: July 8, 2026 8:36:27 am

The proposed construction of a new monument arch is an excessive waste of taxpayer funds. The negative impact an extended construction project on the public and traffic patterns in DC far outweigh any positive value of such a vanity

project. Please don't do this.

Name: Joseph Tuminello
Date: July 8, 2026 8:37:22 am

Briefly:
No triumphal arch
No more wasted tax dollars
No more desecration of our nation's capital
No more self aggrandizement of a rogue president

Name: SAR MARANTZ
Date: July 8, 2026 8:37:36 am

Absolutely not. We the people choose to erect monuments for the greats before us. Establishing a monument of your own self is some Kim Jong Un shit.

Name: Elena Santangelo
Date: July 8, 2026 8:39:14 am

I don't want my tax money going toward this arch. I don't want it built on or anywhere near a veterans cemetery, let alone Arlington, where real war heroes like John Kennedy ought to be able to rest in peace. There are nearly a half million veterans buried there whose memory of their service will be overshadowed by a monument to an egomaniac who never wore a uniform. Never in American history has a living president ever built a monument to himself. It's not American.

Name: Rhonda O'Byrne
Date: July 8, 2026 8:40:02 am

Below are the comments I submitted to my Senator regarding this project.

Senator Thune,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposal for a massive arch in Washington, D.C., reportedly intended to be named after President Trump.

My concerns are grounded in respect for our nation's history, our veterans, and the principles that should guide the creation of national monuments.

First, such a structure would significantly impact the visual integrity of Arlington National Cemetery and other nearby war memorials. These spaces are sacred, and many veterans and families of the fallen have already voiced concerns about any construction that would overshadow or intrude upon them.

Second, national monuments should reflect the will of the American people, expressed either directly through democratic processes or indirectly through their elected representatives in Congress. They should honor individuals whose service and contributions have been fully realized and evaluated over time. Historically and ethically, monuments are erected after a person's service has concluded, not during it.

If Congress ever determines that a new monument is appropriate, the process should be transparent, bipartisan, and grounded in public involvement. A designated group—representing veterans, historians, civic leaders, and the public—should be responsible for developing recommendations on the monument's purpose, design, and location.

Any monument placed in our nation's capital should reflect universal values and enjoy broad, bipartisan support. This proposal does not meet that standard.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued service to South Dakota and the nation.

Respectfully,
Rhonda O'Byrne

Name: Beth Nelson
Date: July 8, 2026 8:40:14 am

The arch is disrespectful to veterans and not what o7r taxes should be spent on.

Name: Becky LaBombard
Date: July 8, 2026 8:40:45 am

I strongly oppose the building of the Arch. Its location is disrespectful to the Arlington cemetery. And its dedication to the current president who has an extremely low approval rating with the American people seems ridiculous. It is ostentatious and below the dignity of our National Mall.

Name: M Blackwell
Date: July 8, 2026 8:43:20 am

Please do not allow yet another vanity project of the current administration. The arch is too large, too gaudy and inappropriate for the area. The cemetery deserves more respect than am evil man's ego. Please respect the solemnity of the Country that they served and of their families.

Name: Laura Hazelip
Date: July 8, 2026 8:46:08 am

No arch! Its an insult to americans and ugly to boot

Name: Roxanne Everhard
Date: July 8, 2026 8:46:33 am

This arch will block views from Arlington National Cemetery, one of our country's most sacred places. This is slap in the face to all the brave souls buried there, as well as their families and all Americans that honor their service and sacrifice. In addition, it is an unnecessary expense. It is also a slap in the face to all Americans who are struggling with high prices right now to spend money on a totally frivolous, selfish expression of glory to Trump. Please do not allow this arch to go forward!

Name: Jacki Lerdal
Date: July 8, 2026 8:47:59 am

I don't support destroying the beautiful vista in our national capital for the self aggrandizement of one man. Please, please reject this monstrosity.

Name: Elizabeth O'Keefe
Date: July 8, 2026 8:48:02 am

We do not want or need an arch. At all. Why are we even considering this?

Name: Amanda Denney

Date: July 8, 2026 8:48:57 am

I'm writing to ask that you not approve this project. There is not one positive attribute that I can think of. As a taxpayer, I don't want one single cent to be used to build something so tacky, unoriginal, and that doesn't represent the desires of the whole country.

We don't need another landmark and we certainly don't need another vanity project.

Please think about the long term impact and the waste of money.

Please stop this project from becoming anything more than a bad idea.

Name: Jo Houston

Date: July 8, 2026 8:49:18 am

We do not need an arch to honour Trump. This is another vanity project of his and doesn't represent the ideals of our country. He has ruined the White House and the reflecting pool and now this. NO to the arch!!!

Name: L Gabenski

Date: July 8, 2026 8:49:45 am

This monument will interfere with the historic view from the cemetery to the Lincoln Memorial. It is too large for this location.

Name: James Stejskal

Date: July 8, 2026 8:50:23 am

Building a "triumphal" arch like the one proposed would be a travesty and throw a shadow on the resting place of so many American heroes, warriors, soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines.

Not only because it ruins the aesthetics of the landscape – the view from Arlington to Foggy Bottom would be spoiled – but because it desecrates hallowed ground.

Only one man wants this, not I and not the people. Don't do it..

Name: Geralyn Tarkington

Date: July 8, 2026 8:51:03 am

Please do not allow construction of this new monument arch. Our monuments already in place in Washington DC allow for the viewing of these beautiful structures without overshadowing one another. The construction of this new arch would obstruct the views. I also have safety concerns for our national airports..

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Geralyn Tarkington

Name: Mary Laird

Date: July 8, 2026 8:51:34 am

I feel the new Arch would be disrespectful to the Military members buried at Arlington, my spouse being one. The grounds are to honor our Hero's, not the Ego of one man who never served. Please do not let this man destroy the resting place of our Hero's. It is the lest we can do.

Respectfully yours,
Mary Laird

Name: Beth Lowe

Date: July 8, 2026 8:52:12 am

NO ARCH!!!! This is the PEOPLE'S Capitol. Not one man's property to do as he wishes. He's already destroyed our East Wing, the Rose Garden and the Reflecting Pool. NO MORE DAMAGE!! The people to not want his gaudy arch.

Name: Deborah Vannatter

Date: July 8, 2026 8:52:13 am

I urge you NOT to build the proposed Triumphal Arch.

The proposed size is grossly out of proportion to our beloved national monuments. It is ridiculous to try to copy the arch in Paris.

We, the American people say No arch .

Name: Doug Hesse

Date: July 8, 2026 8:52:54 am

Building this arch would desecrate one of the most perfectly designed public spaces in America: the approach to the memorial bridge, with Arlington National Cemetery lying beyond, the ultimate focus. People of my generation have been moved to somber reflection by this quiet approach ever since watching President Kennedy's funeral procession. Please do not allow this monstrosity, better suited for Albert Speer's vision of Nazi Berlin Thank you.

Name: Greg Weddell

Date: July 8, 2026 8:52:59 am

There is no need for an arch. It serves no purpose, is a poise of public funds, and mars the existing sight lines to important monuments.

Name: Linda Heubeck

Date: July 8, 2026 8:53:34 am

I am against building an Arch. I think President Trump has overstepped with this proposal. It will hamper the view, and disrupt the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. It is totally unnecessary and a complete waste of time and taxpayer dollars. Please do not approve this monstrosity.

Sincerely, Linda Heubeck

Name: Diane Moore Moore

Date: July 8, 2026 8:54:05 am

I'm sorry that our President wants his way all the time. We do not need any monuments for a President that has FAILED to meet his promises. All monuments should represent events in history for those who have served our country as heroes or who have died protecting our country. I choose respect over EGO!

Name: Abigail Tuttle
Date: July 8, 2026 8:54:43 am

The arch is an insult to the servicemen and servicewomen buried at Arlington. It overshadows the cemetery, robbing it of its solemn impact.

Name: James Yansick
Date: July 8, 2026 8:56:40 am

No to construction of the arch. Ostentatious and opposed to the spirit of America. We are beyond needing to compete with European antiquities!
Put the money toward paying down the national debt!

Name: Marcia Ruff
Date: July 8, 2026 8:57:11 am

This proposed abomination is an insult to the generations of veterans buried at Arlington. It defiles a plan that linked the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington with an atrocious aggrandizing structure that celebrates one man. It is an affront to an American aesthetic of decency and humility that pervades our existing monuments. Refuse to approve this monstrous, unAmerican proposal.

Name: Kathleen Nowak
Date: July 8, 2026 8:57:15 am

In regards to the triumphal arch, there is no solid reason why it should be constructed. We have not been given any reason except that the president wants it. Our tax dollars have been squandered on too many projects. The size of it is unnecessary, it is going to mar the already beautiful topography of the area. It is a total waste at this time, especially when the American people's rights, benefits and peace of mind have been ripped away. Thank you for this opportunity to participate.

Name: Marilyn Burch
Date: July 8, 2026 8:58:09 am

Not needed. Does not add to the beauty, majesty, history, memory or significance of any thought, philosophy or meaningful event relevant to our country. It is a vanity project for this administration and a waste of money. It diminishes the greatness of our country and the validity and worthiness of the monuments already existing.

Name: Louise Osborne
Date: July 8, 2026 8:58:14 am

I DO NOT support this Arch in any fashion!!! It's time American stand up to what's being shoved through with our permission or Congress!!!

I vote NO!!!!

Name: Jeffrey Sutterfield
Date: July 8, 2026 8:58:15 am

I beg, as a decorated Air Force veteran, and a gray, mature man, to not allow or permit any such personal pet projects of any living President.

Vanity projects, thrust upon a public so averse to President Trump and Trumpism, is bad. In Washington D.C., it's much worse.

In the absence of a notable, objective "triumph," this idea should never see the light of day.

Name: Jared Burton

Date: July 8, 2026 8:58:20 am

Please do not build the arch on the mall. It will ruin the cemetery's atmosphere as well as the mall's purpose. It will be an eyesore for generations to come. Our grandchildren will ask what it is for and we will have to be truthful: we don't know. Greed? Ignorance? Dishonesty?

Name: Mary Lu Winger Bennett

Date: July 8, 2026 8:59:52 am

i strongly oppose the construction of Trumps vanity arch. Not only will it destroy historic vistas with its large scale, it's a tribute to nothing. Once again this regime is bypassing all legislative and environmental reviews to flaunt his authority

Name: George Manaras

Date: July 8, 2026 9:00:50 am

While it is important to celebrate the American experience I fail to see why independent review and analysis has been circumvented for this Arch. The reality that the size and scope of this structure is evident to me that it is not in keeping with the original vision of the area and would forever change the nature of the view and meaning that was originally intended.

Name: Lloyd Reinhard

Date: July 8, 2026 9:01:21 am

This would be a useemly and ugly obstruction of the sacred view across the Memorial Bridge between The Lincoln Memorial and the Arlington National Cemetery. It would obstruct the view of the eternal flame on the grave of JFK. It would also present a clear and dangerous hazard, especially in poor weather, on the "river approach" for aircraft coming from the north to land at Reagan National Airport, an approach that must be done visually, and has very narrow parameters or room for error. If this arch must be built, the alternative site near the South Capitol Street Bridge is far more appropriate and safe. But we don't need this arch at all. It is overdone, and a waste of money... too "over the top" Napoleonic for our democratic republic, and smacks of empire and conquest, not freedom. The gold is ugly.

Name: Cheryl VanHoosen

Date: July 8, 2026 9:02:08 am

The proposed monumental arch is President Trump's monument to himself. It is tasteless. Having it loom over the hallowed ground of Arlington National Cemetery makes it even more repugnant. NO ARCH!

Name: Michele Mulligan

Date: July 8, 2026 9:02:08 am

The proposed monumental arch is an insult to every American citizen. For the president of our country to suggest such a project be erected to honor himself, when all he has done is tear down, divide and destroy the many things we hold important and sacred, is a travesty, and further proof that he cares only about himself and not the people of the United States.

I am begging, please do not allow this project to move forward. And if this poor example of a human being sitting in our Oval Office attempts to ignore a ruling preventing the construction of this arch, hold him in contempt and start an impeachment action against him.

Name: Mary Alice Gardner
Date: July 8, 2026 9:02:37 am

Dear committee

I want to respectfully lodge my objection to the proposed new monument arch in Washington DC.

Having lived in DC, I appreciate the landscape and serenity our national cemetery provides. I do not want something blocking views or honoring a president who is still living.

Let his work speak for itself and then have the proper channels followed. Do not let this arch be built now. If later the people want to support that, then let the people speak. Do not let one person bypass our systems and build it now as for certain the people willing to the future tear it down. I dont want my taxpayer money spent on this. And I dont want it privately sponsored either. Thank you for allowing me to state my objection to this project.

Name: Donna Miller
Date: July 8, 2026 9:03:42 am

Do not crowd the area or overshadow the cemetery with an arch honoring one man who still lives. This is a decision best left to posterity.

The expenditure of tax money involved, considering how the national debt has tripled, is particularly egregious while working Americans struggle.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Name: Mary Dominiak
Date: July 8, 2026 9:03:42 am

I am a private citizen and retired federal civil servant resident in Herndon, VA who often visits Washington, DC and Arlington, VA. I have attended the military funerals of friends at Arlington Cemetery and have a keen appreciation for history, public service, and the importance of symbols in our culture.

I am adamant that Donald Trump's proposed Monumental or Triumphal Arch is an obscenity that must not be constructed.

As proposed, this massive, 250-foot-tall structure would dominate the Memorial Bridge, totally disrupting the current harmony of the carefully low profile, horizontal orientation of the bridge, which was deliberately designed to provide a solemn, uninterrupted view between Arlington House, Arlington Cemetery, and the Lincoln Memorial. This design was intended to symbolize the reunification of the States in the aftermath of the Civil War, honoring both those who gave their lives and the President who established the peace. Traveling across the bridge from DC to Arlington, the expanse of the cemetery, with its myriad rows of white military grave markers and its modest entrance arch, is meant to instill a sense of memory, a remembrance of loss, an appreciation of service, and a feeling of peace. Traveling from the cemetery to DC, the viewer is drawn into the National Mall, the seat of our government, with all its vibrancy, history, and future aspirations.

Into this, the Executive Office of the President proposes to drop a monstrous, gaudy, gilded arch intended – by Mr. Trump's own explicit statement to CBS News in October 2025 – to commemorate Donald Trump.

As designed, the arch would block the view of the cemetery and Arlington House from the Lincoln Memorial. It would even block the sight from DC or the bridge of the eternal flame adorning the resting place of President John F. Kennedy – a memorial location and design that had been carefully chosen to link the two assassinated Presidents. Inserting a

structure between them to divert attention to a vainglorious, twice-impeached chief executive would be an insult and outrage.

The plans for the arch indicate that visitors would be expected to visit and enter the arch to take in views from its heights, but the arch is situated in the center of a busy traffic circle. There is no parking in the vicinity and no provision for safe pedestrian access to the arch. Any attempt to allow pedestrian access would seriously disrupt vehicular traffic around the circle. The very concept of putting a public structure in this location makes absolutely no sense.

The height and breadth of the proposed arch also presents a potential hazard to air traffic into National Airport. The principal approach to and from the airport runs right down the Potomac River and over the Memorial Bridge. At a minimum, the arch would need to be topped with brilliant red warning lights to ensure it could be seen by pilots at night, through fog, or during inclement weather. That would make it even more of an intrusive eyesore than just its massive size, gilded statuary, and awkward placement.

The Trump administration made no effort to obtain required Congressional approval for this and other vanity projects it has undertaken. Trump replaced the members of two review commissions to ensure that they would rubber stamp approvals for anything he chose to do, no matter how outlandish. And although the National Historic Preservation Act indicates that the Section 106 review process must be completed prior to approval of the project, and that approval is required before work on the project could commence, crews were already present on the site doing work in evident anticipation of approval even before the National Park Service announced that review. It is hard to take that action, and the extremely short comment period provided, as anything other than an indication of bad faith, presenting the review process as a fait accompli that expects to reject any comments or concerns raised by the public.

I submit these comments in the hope that the legal process will be followed as the statute intends, rather than being yet another purely performative exercise of arbitrary and capricious power by this administration.

Name: Jolie Hammerschmidt
Date: July 8, 2026 9:03:51 am

NO ARCH !!

The proposed arch is too big and will over shadow and diminish the existing memorials, (Lincoln, Jefferson). It is unpopular with the veterans, and this is hallowed ground. The arch is an unnecessary expenditure and focus should be placed on repairing his current projects first, the east wing, the reflection pool, the current state of the white house lawn. Our beloved capital looked like shit for our 250th

Name: Janice Turkevich
Date: July 8, 2026 9:03:56 am

This arch is inappropriate in size, location and a complete waste of taxpayer money. It is unnecessary and shameful to those buried in Arlington Cemetery. Not to mention the danger it proposes to traffic in the circle

Name: Barbara Caudill
Date: July 8, 2026 9:04:10 am

Please deny funding for this arch. The efforts to bypass official approval by congress is unethical and concerning. Millions of taxpayer dollars are being diverted to a vanity project at a time when funding is needed for medical care, childcare, infrastructure and much more. Placing this structure in front of the resting place of our veterans who sacrificed their lives is deplorable and for a man who never served his country militarily.

Cordially
Barbara Caudill

Name: Cindy Nicol
Date: July 8, 2026 9:04:11 am

I feel that this should not be allowed to be built. It should be voted on and approved by the people.

Name: Linda Stewart

Date: July 8, 2026 9:04:52 am

As a lifelong Republican and American citizen, I oppose the arch. It is not a symbol of unity or patriotism. It is a symbol of division and Donald trump.

Name: Tamara Botek

Date: July 8, 2026 9:05:14 am

This is a vulgar representation of Trumps narcissistic personality and will be an embarrassment to the United States. In addition to that we have spent far too much tax payers money on Trumps vanity projects! This needs to stop now. He is destroying the people's house and when he is gone it will cost even more money to restore the White House and DC to its original classic beauty. This arch is not needed and I oppose the building of this disgusting arch.

Name: Tonia Lewis

Date: July 8, 2026 9:05:55 am

No congressional approval, no arch! We must stand up for our constitution and our government that has lasted for over 250 years. We must stand strong and firm, and the united as a people this country is not about personal gain and showing that gain off to the world it is about serving with no need for acclaim.

Please stand up and vote no!

Do not appease ones man greed and placing himself above all others. This country is founded on values that need to be preserved and honored Trump takes no thoughts for others and just wants to use their money to gain for himself. We do not need a monument that represents those values.

Please vote no!

Tonia Lewis

Name: Lynn Salehi

Date: July 8, 2026 9:06:38 am

Enough already with Donald Trump's vanity projects. NO ARCH.

Name: Karen Fraser

Date: July 8, 2026 9:06:47 am

There is no need for this arch and it will cost the American public millions. It does not fit well in the mall and will block views of other monuments. Monuments need to be carefully planned to honor people or events in our history, not at the whim of a living person. Please do not approve this vanity project and use the money to save our existing parks. There is absolutely no reason for this arch to be built.

Thank you.

Karen Hamilton Fraser
American citizen & voter

Name: Edith Clark
Date: July 8, 2026 9:06:58 am

I oppose the construction of this enormous arch. It is a gaudy and outrageous monument to one man's vanity. It will defile the space, so carefully planned, dwarf the Lincoln Monument, and dishonor those buried at Arlington. All being rushed into construction without input from historical and aesthetic experts, or the consent of Congress.

Name: Dorothy Morley
Date: July 8, 2026 9:07:07 am

Trump's arch proposal is just wrong. It's too big and doesn't match the design esthetics of other monuments and buildings in DC. The location is wrong because of how it will loom over the sacred grounds of Arlington. The arch does not fit in with the well-planned, beautiful design of the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington Cemetery view. NO one should be allowed to change or build new monuments in DC without full Congressional oversight and approval.

Name: Marian Butler
Date: July 8, 2026 9:07:13 am

I absolutely do not want an arch built. I do not want my tax dollars spent on such a vanity project. I want tax dollars to go to the people for housing, food, healthcare. I do not want the arch polluting our visual field of beautiful capitol mall, and Lincoln memorial.

Name: Nikki Jarrett
Date: July 8, 2026 9:07:47 am

I am not at all in favor of the proposed monumental arch in Washington DC. It would be tacky, trite (not very creative), and interrupts the existing lines of sight for other landmarks. A better way to honor our country would be to spend the money fixing the backlog of repairs at existing monuments and parks.

Name: Patricia Thompson
Date: July 8, 2026 9:07:50 am

Please... do not allow this monument to disturb the view of this sacred place.

Name: Ann Childress
Date: July 8, 2026 9:07:57 am

Do not allow this arch to be built. It will block the view of many important historic elements of Washington DC. It is the hare brained desire of one person who wants to emulate European monuments. Do not allow the arch. It will be a "Monumental Mistake".

Name: Steph Petty
Date: July 8, 2026 9:08:06 am

I urge all voting members to vote NO to this vanity project that will forever change the landscape and historic views in the surrounding area. The American public didn't ask for this, don't want it, don't need it, and should not pay for it. It will be a blight on the skyline and a hazard to airport traffic. Anyone who votes YES should justify their vote publicly in person on record to the American people.

Name: David Drilling

Date: July 8, 2026 9:08:20 am

The Trump Arch is an abomination. How can a project of such scope be considered before in-depth studies on impact on the National Mall, Arlington Cemetery, the environment, aesthetics of our nation's Capitol be carefully undertaken and weighed? There is also the consideration of a sitting President forcing a project of this nature on the nation before his legacy is known? These kinds of projects should not be coming from a man so controversial, whose entire legacy is questionable, while he is still in office. No monument of this scope should come while he still sits but from future generations once they have determined he fully deserves the remembrance a monument in our nation's Capitol is deserved. In an ever changing economical time, when so many people of our nation are struggling to make ends meet, our tax dollars should not be used on such a vanity project while children starve and people die for lack of healthcare. Please consider carefully just how terribly this project is good for only one single person and not our nation.

Name: Katherine Stiles

Date: July 8, 2026 9:09:26 am

My father served our great country for 25 years. Please be respectful to those that have served and keep Arlington National Cemetery a peaceful place of remembrance.

I want to voice my objection to the construction of this arch.

Thank you

Name: Kathleen Cinquino

Date: July 8, 2026 9:09:38 am

DC does not need an arch. It will destroy the vista of Arlington cemetery. There has been enough damage done to OUR CAPITOL without proper permits. How & why one person without any sense of history has the say in this decision making process boggles the mind. What is the rush??? NO ARCH!!!!

Name: Elizabeth McWilliams

Date: July 8, 2026 9:10:44 am

I oppose the arch. It is a monstrosity and will be another of this Administration's Vegas style decorations. Like everything else that Trump has done, it will be cheaply built and cost three or more times what was originally quoted.

Please do not allow this insult to our dignified Capital to proceed. Thank you.

Name: Genice Gorman

Date: July 8, 2026 9:11:03 am

The plans for the monumental arch are inappropriate and disrespectful. It would waste taxpayer money and damage our national landmarks. Please do not let this project proceed.

Name: Kimberly Phillips

Date: July 8, 2026 9:12:29 am

This is a vanity project and not one for the American people. As a Navy veteran, I am opposed to the change in sight line from Arlington to the capital. This particular view from Arlington to the capitol was a planned view for the solemn respect of those who have died for our country. An oversized, hulking white arch with gold slapped everywhere possible will destroy that solemn reverence. Do not approve this vanity project.

Name: Julie Dixon

Date: July 8, 2026 9:12:34 am

Please, please do not approve the construction of this arch. This is hallowed ground and the design of this area has been carefully planned for decades. This arch will block important views and be a potential hazard for the nearby airport. The American people want to keep the dignity, symbolism and beauty of this area intact. We do not want an arch. Thank you!

Name: Fred Daum

Date: July 8, 2026 9:12:45 am

The construction of thiis Arch, in any size in the prposed location would be a visual atrocity totally ruining the original intended sight lines between Arlington National Cemetery and the lincoln Memorial.

As one approaches Arlington National there is a visual/emotional build up as you approach what is one of the most sacred locations in our Country.

The whole area is intended to honor our Countries War dead in a way which is unparalleled. These men and Women have earned a very special place in our Countries history, which should not be diminished by anything, much less a giant visual blight constructed by a narcissistic President who has no concept of the Ultimate Sacrifice made by these Men and Women, or the importance of this National Cemetery for the friends and reletives who visit the location.

As a Motorcoach Operator I regularly carry many types of groups to Arlington National Cemetery and every trip as we approach the traffic circle after crossing the Memmorial Bridge either I or the Tour Guides begin there talk about the conduct and reverance expected while inside Arlington.

The placement of this huge arch does nothing to promote that emphasis on dignity and respect.

It can only be seen as being a atrocious monument built solely for the self agrandizement for an single marcsitic man who never searved in the military, activly schemed to avoid military service, and has proven thru his actions that he has no concept of honor and service, much less ultimate sacrifice.

I also believe (and this is not a threat) and predict that if this project it pursued there will be enough Veterans who are rabidly opposed to the arch that there will be ongoing vandalism, and sabotage, which would be a severe hazard to the Construction Workers, National Park Police and other Federal Employees participating in the project.

This project is reprehensible on every level, does not follow Federal Precident for such projects, and should not be approved in any way, shape, or form for this location.

Please do your moral and legal responsibility to our Countries War Heros and stand up to this self centered President and DO NOT allow him to to desecrate this sacred memorial to our War Heros who sacrificed EVERYTHING for or Country.

Name: Robert Stoner

Date: July 8, 2026 9:12:47 am

Just a bad idea all around, it should not be built, anywhere.

Name: Austin Clark

Date: July 8, 2026 9:13:24 am

What is this for? Who does it honor? The United States shouldn't put up monuments to its own glory, but rather commemorate specific times of peril or honor specific people or groups of people who sacrificed everything out of loyalty to the Republic. I object to this on moral principle.

Name: S. Mason

Date: July 8, 2026 9:13:30 am

This project should be put on hold until a new congress is in session and can have input regarding all important aspects. This is not a rush item. It is not a security threat. It may be a serious waste of my money; as a tax payer, I do not support this use. I would like to see more funds used to improve and increase green space.

Name: Madeleine Bourdeaux

Date: July 8, 2026 9:13:32 am

No! Do not let this monstrosity be built. This enormous arch is going to overshadow and destroy the view of Arlington cemetery, but most importantly, it will take away from the sanctity of the sacrifice made by all the brave souls who rest there.

The National Mall is a place for all of We the People of the United States - Not just Potus. We have a say and we say No.

Name: Linda Gale

Date: July 8, 2026 9:13:38 am

I oppose this new arch. The scale is too big (dwarfing the Lincoln Memorial) and ruining the Arlington Cemetery view shed. I also find it distasteful to have a such a self promoting monument looming over the final resting place of so many self-sacrificing patriots.

Please reject this proposal.

Name: Kathleen Kuhn

Date: July 8, 2026 9:15:46 am

My father is buried at Arlington Cemetery and I strongly object to the Trump Arch. I am a veteran, my husband is a veteran, and 2 of my brothers served during Vietnam. This proposed arch is an insult to all veterans and serves no purpose. We ALL strenuous object

Name: Anna Holstine

Date: July 8, 2026 9:16:08 am

NO NO NO!!! Do not allow tRump to erect his ugly vanity arch. We do not need any permanent reminders of his horrific time as president.

Name: Rebecca Limback

Date: July 8, 2026 9:16:23 am

We strongly oppose the erection of the proposed ach in a location that detracts from Arlington and would obstruct the current view. At a time when Americans are struggling to make ends meet we should not be wasting money on Trump vs its projects. I believe most people who have loved ones interred at Arlington also oppose this structure. We urge you to not allow the building of this arch as proposed.

Name: Robin Cardinale

Date: July 8, 2026 9:16:24 am

Please do not allow this arch to be built!

Name: Nicole Grimm

Date: July 8, 2026 9:16:45 am

I am writing to oppose the proposed "Victory Arch" at Memorial Circle on Columbia Island. I am a longtime Washington, DC resident. I went to college here, have made my adult life here, and raised my children as proud DC natives. This arch would not serve either the residents of our local community or the design vision of the National Mall environs in which it would be situated. For generations, DC residents, as well as visitors from around the country and world, have treasured the vista from the Lincoln Memorial across to Arlington Cemetery, marking the historical connection between our great president Abraham Lincoln and the sacrifices of the soldiers who fought in the Civil War and other conflicts in which the United States has stood as a beacon of freedom and democracy. Generations of Americans have traversed Arlington Memorial bridge, taking inspiration from the solemn remembrance of the cemetery, the beautiful natural landscape of the Potomac River below, the historic slopes of Georgetown in the distance, and the simple majesty of the Lincoln Memorial. Imposing a giant arch in the middle of that carefully set scene, when its purpose and design has not been consulted with or approved by the people of our country through a true public design process, would topple that beautiful and balanced setting. Its construction would impose an unwarranted burden, without any commensurate benefit, on the thousands of commuters who rely on that roadway every day, and would cause intolerable disruption for the families of soldiers buried at Arlington Cemetery when they come to bury and visit their loved ones in their final resting places. Most importantly, it would disrespect the soldiers buried at Arlington by blocking them from view on the DC side, thereby severing the important moral connection between their sacred resting place and the seat of government where leaders make life and death decisions about whether to send new generations to war. Please do not approve this arch.

Name: Bruce Rieder

Date: July 8, 2026 9:18:11 am

The proposed arch remains without a proposed meaning or description of the symbolic intent. It has no public purpose and in exchange subjects the people to years of disruption and a structure that is dangerous to land and air travel.

We have lately all witnessed what happens when these public projects are undertaken without adequate consideration, planning, and process. We have just seen how hundreds of millions of tax dollars were squandered on an ill conceived and poorly planned "celebration" of our nation's semiquincentennial that was not a unifying event for our nation. This arch project is no different and is being put forward by the same cast of characters who just failed us. This proposal is being improperly, and I believe illegally, fast tracked. There is absolutely no emergency addressed or public purpose served by this truncated and incomplete process. Why the rush NPPC?

The proposed arch is the wrong scale, in the wrong location, in the wrong design that degrades both its aesthetic and symbolic setting. The proposed arch destroys the nighttime view of the JFK eternal flame which invites the kind of quiet introspection appropriate to this sacred location. This is not a place for the performative bombast of the proposed arch. The relationship of the proposed arch to the Robert E. Lee Memorial and to the Lincoln Monument is to date unexplained by the applicant and head scratching. To what symbolic purpose is the view from Arlington House to the Lincoln Memorial blocked by the arch? Why does the arch appear to elevate the stature of the Lee Memorial as seen from the primary approach to Arlington Cemetery crossing the Memorial Bridge? What does the ersatz Roman Imperial design of the arch have to do with the celebration of the people of our nation?

Frankly, the entire undertaking of this arch is bizarre and beneath the dignity of NPPC consideration. I urge the NPPC to reject this proposal now at the very least until the Congress has spoken on this proposal.

Name: Mimi Morris

Date: July 8, 2026 9:18:24 am

This project is a travesty, an ugly vanity project for a draft dodger, and an insult to the soldiers buried at Arlington Cemetery and their families. It is a blatant waste of taxpayer money and a scar on our National Mall. I am begging you to stop this from moving ahead.

Name: Kimberly Otero

Date: July 8, 2026 9:18:39 am

I am opposed placement of this unneeded arch at the Arlington Cemetery. It serves no purpose and is an insult to those heroes laid to rest, including my great Uncle William Haan, who was a three star general under General Pershing. This money would be better spent supporting VA hospitals and military personnel who served and currently need assistance. The glorification of our current leader is unwarranted and unwanted. Please Do not authorize construction of this Monstrosity.

Name: Barbara Bryant

Date: July 8, 2026 9:19:31 am

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed 250-foot "Independence Arch" slated for construction near the Arlington Memorial Bridge. This project represents an unprecedented and inappropriate intrusion into one of the nation's most historic and solemn landscapes. I urge the reviewing commissions to reject this proposal based on the following critical points:

- Desecration of Sacred Ground: Arlington National Cemetery demands quiet reflection and humility. Introducing a massive, ostentatious monument at its gates completely clashes with the reverent atmosphere our fallen heroes deserve.
- Bypassing the Democratic Process: National monuments must honor shared American ideals through legislative vetting and public input. Forcing this project through without explicit congressional authorization bypasses vital democratic checks and balances.
- Defacing Historic Sightlines: The visual axis between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House is a core element of our capital's design. This towering structure permanently blocks the deliberate symbolic link between the president who saved the Union and the grounds of those who died protecting it.
- Misuse of Resources: Diverting public funds and administrative energy toward a polarizing, top-down monument is highly irresponsible. True patriotism honors veterans through tangible support and care, not through multi-million-dollar vanity projects.

Our civic spaces belong to the American people and should reflect our collective history, not personal ambition. I strongly encourage the board to deny all necessary permits and preserve the historic integrity of our capital.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Bryant

Myrtle Beach, SC

Name: Noah Gordon

Date: July 8, 2026 9:19:59 am

Reject the arch! It's a stupid, wasteful vanity project that hasn't gone through congressional approval. Say no!

Name: Ray Heskin

Date: July 8, 2026 9:20:37 am

No Arch needed. No thank you!

Name: Muriel Orr

Date: July 8, 2026 9:21:03 am

Please stop this idea of an arch.. Americans do not want this towering monstrosity to overshadow everything else. Honor our fallen heroes by not allowing this idea to add to the shambles in Washington DC and detract from the beauty that has been our pride.

Name: Paula Dittrick
Date: July 8, 2026 9:22:07 am

The Triumphal Arch is inappropriate in its suggested placement and would be an eyesore. Please honor what we already have and reject the arch.

Name: Pamela Drake
Date: July 8, 2026 9:22:07 am

Please reject the proposed Triumphal Arch in Washington, DC.

As an Army veteran, I believe Arlington National Cemetery should remain a place of solemn remembrance, not political symbolism. Placing a large arch at its entrance would diminish the dignity of this sacred site and obstruct the historic view between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House—a view preserved to represent national unity.

Our taxpayer dollars should be directed toward serving veterans and addressing our nation's real needs, not funding a controversial monument. I respectfully urge you to reject this proposal and preserve the integrity of Arlington National Cemetery.

Name: Deb Rupp
Date: July 8, 2026 9:22:07 am

Nooooooooooooo!!! Disgraceful show of vanity.

Name: Patricia Stephens
Date: July 8, 2026 9:23:24 am

At a time when we are struggling with the cost of living, I ask, how does this arch serve our nation? It's construction is not being proposed after a war (in fact, we are in one, unwillingly). There is no event that has occurred to bring Americans together. Arguably, we are more divided than ever. This proposed arch, at this time is further waste of taxpayer dollars.

Name: Mary Sharkey
Date: July 8, 2026 9:23:39 am

Please don't approve the building of the Arch. There is no reason to build a monument of this size near hallowed ground. It is garish and no monument should stand taller than our founding fathers monuments. Finally, there is way this countries tax payers should be saddled with paying for this proposed monstrosity.
Thank you for your time.

Name: Martha Matuska
Date: July 8, 2026 9:23:55 am

Please respect the beauty of Arlington National Cemetery by preventing this monument arch from being built. Please respect the laws of our country which has given Congress the oversight of construction on the mall, not the executive.

Please respect the dead on whom we now focus and prevent the building of this poorly thought-out and overblown design. Please respect the living, whose need for government services far outweighs using taxpayer dollars for this project. Please respect our veterans who answered the call to serve and do not need this eyesore to government waste when their needs are neglected. Please respect the American people who did not call for this and do not support it. Please show some respect.

Name: Gayla Coykendall
Date: July 8, 2026 9:23:57 am

No. Just NO!

Name: Anne Biebel
Date: July 8, 2026 9:24:06 am

I object to the scale of the arch and the lack of public information concerning intended materials and construction methods.

Name: Heidi Brandenburg
Date: July 8, 2026 9:24:27 am

Please do not proceed with this project. It is unnecessary and expensive. Americans do not need another monument in DC!

Name: Sue Winterbottom
Date: July 8, 2026 9:24:56 am

Please do not approve this build. It is environmentally not acceptable.

Name: Jane Otts
Date: July 8, 2026 9:25:03 am

I am outraged at the proposal to build a monstrosity of a "Triumphal Arch" on Monument Circle. The arch would obstruct the historic sightline between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House, greatly increase traffic congestion, disrupt Reagan National Airport's flight patterns, and bypass congressional approval. It is an obscene vanity project for one man at a time when the American people are struggling, and is an affront to everyone buried at Arlington cemetery.

Name: Angelic Lindsley
Date: July 8, 2026 9:25:21 am

Please do not stain our beautiful capitol with another gaudy trump vanity project!

He has destroyed enough of our country and capital

Putin off till after midterms

Name: Lora Arnott
Date: July 8, 2026 9:25:36 am

No, to the arch. Please do not embarrass our country with building this vanity arch. It is not a fiscally sound project.

Name: Jan S

Date: July 8, 2026 9:25:48 am

Please do not approve the arch. It is a necessary. It is too big. It is a threat to airplanes over the DC area. If the budget allows for building something of this size, perhaps we should spend that money on feeding school children.

Name: Martha Morse

Date: July 8, 2026 9:25:49 am

Please do not erect this monstrous arch. It would forever be a monument to a failed president and an awful reminder of an awful time. We should never let a living President build his own tribute. The whole project reeks of self worship.

Name: A Keenan

Date: July 8, 2026 9:25:52 am

The vanity project known as the "triumphal arch", proposed by President Trump, is a misuse of taxpayer money. It is a colossal waste of funds which are badly needed elsewhere. Please say "no" to this project.

Name: Carol Vandewalle

Date: July 8, 2026 9:25:53 am

I am not in favor of building an outsized arch in the area. First and foremost, it has not been approved by Congress which is a requirement. There should be no exceptions to this. It is costly and I prefer my tax dollars go to other needed and approved projects.

Thank you for your consideration

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Name: Marilyn Gonzalez

Date: July 8, 2026 9:25:56 am

Trump does not deserve a monumental arch. He has not done anything to deserve it, giving more to dictatorship countries and secret meetings with their leaders. The people of this country need help and he have taken away or cut back any benefits we have. Less for poor people and more for dictatorship countries! He has destroyed the constitution and made up his own rules.

Name: H Pirrung

Date: July 8, 2026 9:26:01 am

No approvals for this project have been sought or announced. The men and women honored st Arlington cemetery honored the rules of law and of the military and honored the constitution. Do not degrade their service by erecting this monument to arrogance. Thank you and thanks to all who are buried there for their service to this nation we all love.

Name: Elaine Goodman

Date: July 8, 2026 9:26:19 am

My ancestors, William and Mary Brewster, came to the New World on the Mayflower and, in fact, were among the founders of the pilgrim movement. Another ancestor, Cornelius van Tienhoven, was assistant to both Peter Stuyvesant and his predecessor in New Amsterdam. My late husband and a second cousin fought fascism in North Africa, Italy and Germany; both were POWs in Germany. I have voted in every national, state and local election since 1961. I think I can count as an American. Donald Trump's raping of our country financially and physically is horrifying and traitorous. This land is ours, not his. His monumental arch is an insult to all of those who lost their lives for our great country and must not be built. In fact, just burn all of the plans. Now.

Name: Calleise Johnson
Date: July 8, 2026 9:27:10 am

Do not approve this Arch on our National Mall. It does not have congressional approval, it will be a hideous, oversized monstrosity that will negatively dominate and overwhelm existing sacred monuments.

Name: Margaret Young
Date: July 8, 2026 9:28:43 am

Stop Trump from building the giant arch dedicated to himself.

Name: Jeanne Lagatta
Date: July 8, 2026 9:29:42 am

This arch is an absolutely inappropriate monument for Washington DC. Napoleon built the Arc D'Triumph in France to greet returning warriors. We have no reason to build this arch.

The money should be spent on rebuilding the east Wing of the White House or to repair the mess of a reflecting pool we have in Washington! Trump has wasted our tax dollars on his vanity projects and it has to stop!!!

I have read that our own veterans oppose the placement of this arch. Why don't we listen to the voices of those who have given so much to this country?

Name: Alison Whitaker
Date: July 8, 2026 9:30:15 am

No to the monumental arch.

Living Presidents shouldn't be building monuments to themselves.

Also everything Trump has done to our public areas had left us poorer and the area uglier.

Sincerely,
Alison Whitaker

Name: Gayleen Gavitt
Date: July 8, 2026 9:31:38 am

This arch will ruin the DC landscape. The designers of DC made height part of that discussion. Please do not approve this.

Name: Shannon Storm
Date: July 8, 2026 9:32:08 am

Please don't allow this arch. Think of the money wasted for another vanity project, that will be torn down as soon as possible. Our precious city is being destroyed - please put a stop to it!

Name: Juanita Pesaro
Date: July 8, 2026 9:33:05 am

I am opposed to this oversized and unnecessary addition to the DC area, which belongs to ALL Americans, not just to one narcissistic man. It will overshadow Arlington and look extremely tacky. Veterans and families of those buried there seem to oppose it in large numbers. Please don't allow it to be constructed.

Name: Sarajane Doty
Date: July 8, 2026 9:33:47 am

This monument project needs to stop immediately. 1. Monuments are designed and erected for people who have done great things for their country, not designed and erected by the individual-that is just an ego edifice. 2. Placement of monuments are carefully decided to enhance the environment. Create a unique space for public interaction and events. Not placed where other established monuments are obscured. 3. I would not be so opposed to an arch in DC is the location and who was to be memorialized met critical criteria, was well planned out and had public support.

As it stands right now this monument is just an edifice to an inflated ego.

Name: Laura Eaton
Date: July 8, 2026 9:34:03 am

The proposed monumental arch would detract from the hallowed grounds of Arlington National Cemetery, would be so tall it would require lights warning pilots, is disproportionate to the memorials on the mall, and should not be built.

Name: Michelle Bell
Date: July 8, 2026 9:34:17 am

This is not necessary. It's tacky and self promoting. We have REAL issues right now and this is NOT what we should be focusing on. STOP WASTING OUR MONEY!!! Use that money to help people like wounded warriors. We don't need this. We need people.

Name: Roberta Ferran
Date: July 8, 2026 9:35:05 am

Absolutely NO to Trumps arch.

Name: Dore Miljour
Date: July 8, 2026 9:35:35 am

I am writing that i am against the building of the Arch.
Donald trump is continually not obeying the constitution and if any other president did the things that he has done they would be impeached by now.

STOP TRUMP from destroying the PEOPLE'S property.

Sincerely

Dore Ann Miljour

Name: Marilyn Beyer

Date: July 8, 2026 9:35:40 am

We need healthcare. We need our national parks adequately funded. We need resources for homeless people. We need our children fed at school. We DO NOT NEED a ridiculous arch in our capital city. Do not authorize it, do not pay for it with our tax dollars, do not desecrate our capital. Stop the lunacy. Please.

Name: Mary Lindsey Lewis

Date: July 8, 2026 9:36:56 am

NO NO NO TO THE TACKY ARCH DE TRUMP.

Name: Beth Mitchell

Date: July 8, 2026 9:37:01 am

We do NOT need nor want anything to do with Trump or his name.
Please deny his egotistical Triumphal Arch.

Thank you.

Name: Mary Beth Waltz

Date: July 8, 2026 9:37:09 am

I, like many, do not think that the arch is a significant
Construction to be built - especially where our President intends on having it built. Historically items like the arch are not constructed unless it's for a deceased President or other persons.
This arch is a tribute to himself Donald Trump-nothing more. Our brave soldiers and families do not need to have this arch outside of Arlington Cemetery . Please consider NOT allowing this to be built and definitely not at the proposed site.
Ty for your time, Mary Beth Waltz

Name: S Tollett

Date: July 8, 2026 9:37:51 am

I am writing to respectfully oppose the construction of a proposed Triumphal Arch. Not only do I feel that these vanity projects are repulsive completely unwarranted and unnecessary at this time. Never before have we seen a sitting president self aggrandize more than President Trump. There are limits to what our citizens are willing to tolerate and his vanity projects have exceeded those tenfold (at least). Please put a stop to this madness.

Name: Deborah Squibb

Date: July 8, 2026 9:38:02 am

Is this comment going to have any effect? You know this is a terrible desecration of our history and our dignified monuments. Do whatever you can to stop this. Even a delay will probably suffice.

Name: Brenda Ratcliff
Date: July 8, 2026 9:38:29 am

The beautiful monuments in our nation's capital were built to recognize the deeds of men who built or helped to further the foundations of our country's promise of life, liberty and justice for all. They were built after history showed the validity of their contributions. No President or other leader should direct tributes to himself. We are not subjects to our leaders that must show/pay for adoration to them. Our leaders are elected to work for our country and our citizens. Do not build an arch!

Name: Melanie Noyes
Date: July 8, 2026 9:38:51 am

Absolutely not. This is unacceptable and another example of the rapist in chief getting whatever he wants. You need congressional approval. You know that.

Name: Barbara Meador
Date: July 8, 2026 9:39:06 am

This arch should not go up just to appease one individuals giant ego.
Washington DC used to be a beautiful place to come and admire, enjoy the beautiful buildings that are our history.
The arch would destroy the views of the surrounding area, more importantly, Arlington Cemetery.
People come here to visit loved ones, and to have peace and beauty surround you in this area is essential
Construction of this arch would destroy that peace and the sight of it would remind everyone that we have an egotistical person in the White house who destroys everything he touches.
IT IS NOT NEEDED OR WANTED!

Name: Patti Porter
Date: July 8, 2026 9:40:16 am

I am totally against the huge arch. I feel it will take away from Arlington cemetery. It is too large for such a solemn place. Instead of spending money on the arch let's start taking better care of our veterans.

Name: Jessica Bradford
Date: July 8, 2026 9:40:21 am

I oppose the proposed Triumphal Arch. Public spaces should reflect our shared history and democratic values, not celebrate the legacy or political ambitions of any one individual - especially one that has divided our country, gifted our country and has so many illegal and questionable actions in his past and present. I urge decision-makers to reject this proposal and preserve our public landmarks for all Americans.

Name: Nancy Almann
Date: July 8, 2026 9:40:25 am

Subject: Opposition to the Proposed New Monumental Arch (Project 8778) I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed 250-foot Monumental Arch. This project circumvents the legal procedures explicitly laid out in the Commemorative Works Act of 1986, which strictly mandates Congressional authorization for any permanent monuments built on federal land within the District of Columbia. The administration's attempts to bypass legislative approval undermine the rule of law and democratic oversight. I urge the Commission to deny final approval for this project until it

has undergone full Congressional review, thorough environmental impact assessments, and complete compliance with local zoning and historic preservation protocols.

Name: Susan Thetard

Date: July 8, 2026 9:40:26 am

Please do not allow this arch as it will destroy a beautifully designed view of the memorial bridge and draw focus from Arlington and the moving views of those who served and sacrificed. It is unnecessary and a waste of resources that could better be used for other needs.

Name: Eric Klein

Date: July 8, 2026 9:40:29 am

This is the dumbest idea ever. Welcome to 1936 Germania. Stop Trump's destruction of our capital with these stupid vanity projects and distractions. No to the arch.

Name: Isabel DeFeo

Date: July 8, 2026 9:40:35 am

I am against the arch and its placement. The reach between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery was designed with purpose. Also, a triumphal arch being placed there is counter to the cemetery's purpose in honoring those in our military who served our country. It takes away the somberness.

Name: Carla Davis

Date: July 8, 2026 9:40:55 am

I am not representing an organization. I do not feel this arch should be built as indicated by the current resident of our beloved White House. The view between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery is timeless and beautiful just as it is. Arlington Cemetery is a place of honor and reverence and should not be desecrated by this oversized monument to one man's ego. The area should continue to be preserved as it currently is. Please vote to stop this oversized travesty from moving forward. The Rose Garden, the East Wing of the White House, the Kennedy Center and the front lawn of the White House have already been desecrated. Please stop this project from ruining an iconic view. Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Jonny Perkins-Snyder

Date: July 8, 2026 9:41:37 am

I'm opposed to this arch because it does not fit the character/appearance of the national mall. It has not been approved by Congress. The area belongs to the people of the United States and should not be altered on the whim of one person.

Name: diane tracy

Date: July 8, 2026 9:41:59 am

Hi, I am against the building of a monumental Arch. It is too high and needs approval. Congress should decide not the Trump administration and plans should be approved by congress. The Arch has no purpose other than a vanity project for the President.

The national debt is already too high and we do not need frivolous projects. It will destroy the view to the cemetery and

requires greiving families to drive through a partisian project on their way to view the remains of brave soldiers. It will be a waste of money as someone will remove it or destroy it after Trump leave office.

Name: Ardis Berghoff

Date: July 8, 2026 9:42:55 am

The proposed arch is an atrocity for its size, location and purpose. It is the narcissistic project of an astoundingly egotistical president and is not in keeping with the intention and design of other monuments in Washington, D.C. I urge you to reject this project completely. It screams "Trump" and nothing else but ego and self-aggrandizement. It insults all Americans, including those buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Name: Mary Polychrome

Date: July 8, 2026 9:43:08 am

No one has asked for a huge triumphal arch like this. It is not a reflection of the desires of the country. It is not a need. It is out of proportion to the site. I ask that you so not drop this monstrosity on our Capitol.

Name: Mary Engelmann

Date: July 8, 2026 9:43:48 am

I am opposed to the new proposal for an arch near the National cemetery. My beloved parents are buried there and to me this arch would change the beautiful view of the cemetery. It would detract from the solemn purpose to pay tribute to our veterans.

Name: Kimberly McNeill

Date: July 8, 2026 9:43:50 am

the scope and proportions of this project are not fitting to the solemnness of the surrounding monuments. additionally we have so many other pressing issues currently that need to be addressed and paid for before this is done. National debt, increasing cost of living, war in the middle east, increasing health care crisis, social security, and the list goes on. We as a nation, can always come back and build a victory arch at a later date.

Name: Debra Moore

Date: July 8, 2026 9:43:57 am

Not needed. The US has to start thinking of wants vs needs. The arch is not necessary.

Name: Patricia Vincent

Date: July 8, 2026 9:44:36 am

The proposed Triumphal arch is only a monument to Donald Trumps ego, it has no national meaning. Please do not disrespect thousands of veterans buried in Arlington National cemetery. I have a friend buried their and no family should have to stand in the shadow of an ego to bury their loved one.

Name: Michele Rogers

Date: July 8, 2026 9:44:38 am

Please do not allow the Triumphal Arch to be built. The DC area is beautiful just the way it is with meaningful memorials that tell our country's story. The arch will not enhance the beauty nor complement this sacred space but instead take away from the meaningful aesthetic.

Name: Felicia Beasley

Date: July 8, 2026 9:45:19 am

I am completely against the Arch project. I travel as a guardian with the Honor Flight. Our veterans deserve peace and rest at Arlington, not to be overshadowed by a vanity project. Veterans deserve better. How about a monument to our Iraq war vets. Or Afghanistan? We can do better.

Name: Kelly Veit

Date: July 8, 2026 9:45:20 am

Hello,

I would like to share that I am strongly opposed to the building of a new monumental arch in DC. The layout of the Mall is beautiful. As you cross from Arlington into DC and see it begin with the Lincoln Memorial it is awe inspiring. I had goosebumps the first time. Everything is laid out perfectly. The monuments reflect the hard work and dedication people put into making it beautiful. It was a collective effort.

Now we have one man who wants only what he wants. There is no survey of the people of DC or the American people. It is not a tribute to a monumental part of our history. It is a terrible looking design, it serves absolutely no purpose. There is no history, no reminder of a historical service done for the good of the USA. It will block the view and distract from what is the true purpose of the mall. To celebrate our history as a country. To remind of us of the sacrifices we have given each other. To motivate us to be better. The arch is a complete waste of money and space to appease one man who is a blip in our history.

Do not build this arch.

Name: Carol House

Date: July 8, 2026 9:45:36 am

NO ARCH!!!!!! This president is destroying our country and our beautiful capital to glorify only HIMSELF.....and at OUR expense!!!!!!

Name: Nancy Messmore

Date: July 8, 2026 9:45:36 am

PLEASE do not approve this ugly arch! A horrendous waste of money! A horrible eyesore in our Capitol! PLEASE stop it. I beg of you!

Name: Anne Pellegrino

Date: July 8, 2026 9:46:04 am

The arch should not produced at all. It's not an original thought, he steals from other countries. T-rump think big is better. It has a negative impact on DC. It's scale and placement will ruin the views that were meticulously thought out by a committee that was rightfully appointed. He knows zero about anything and is ruining Washington with his vanity projects. Everything he "builds" is an eyesore.

Name: Alice Koller
Date: July 8, 2026 9:46:46 am

The beauty of Washington DC is in its expanses that allow reflection and show reverence for those who have come before. It is its ability to allow quiet reflection, to show honor to the men and women who have sacrificed so much to found this nation. A huge ceremonial arch blocking the vision of Arlington Cemetery, overshadowing the Lincoln Memorial is distracting and disrespectful. No group has commissioned this item, Congress has not requested it be built. This arch would be out of place in a city designed to show grandeur and respect. It is too large and its design is grotesque with its golden embellishments. The sight line to the Arlington Cemetery needs to be open and not encumbered by self promotion.

Name: Bill Fant
Date: July 8, 2026 9:47:09 am

I oppose this proposed arch because of the lack of review, oversight, and public input regarding the design and construction of what would become a significant project in historical Washington, D.C. If projects were ranked based on their priority for funding and construction or maintenance in the D.C. area, this should be at the bottom of the list. It's simply unnecessary and self-aggrandizing. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Name: Sue Pillsbury
Date: July 8, 2026 9:47:18 am

It is my opinion and strong belief that the proposed arch is an extremely wrong idea. The size is way too much. It would ruin the view to Arlington cemetery . In addition I believe this is a vanity choice only for our current president. He has done many th8ngs to ruin the beauty of our nations capital. The rose harden was destroyed. The East Wing was demolished . The Kennedy Center is shrouded in canvas. Our current president is determinedly to turn our capital into a tribute to himself and should not be allowed. Enough damage to a beautiful city has been done. PLEASE DO NOT GIVE YOUR PERMISDION GOR THIS ATROCITY.

Name: Susan McCallum
Date: July 8, 2026 9:47:51 am

I absolutely object to an arch placed in national mall. Especially if purpose is not for the people whom own this space. A tribute to a narcissistic vane president is NOT for the people.

Name: Sharon Jenks
Date: July 8, 2026 9:48:17 am

Just say NO to this hideous arch! It is self serving to Donald Trump and he should let others decide when and how to build a monument to him.

Name: Andrea Nordell
Date: July 8, 2026 9:48:54 am

As a citizen and an Arlington resident I cannot say it more emphatically, please vote NO to the Memorial Arch at the circle in front of Arlington National Cemetery. There is no reason for this project, we already have some of the most beautiful and important monuments in the world.

The proposed Arch will be a major obstacle to the site line between the Lincoln Memorial and the entrance to the Cemetery and the view of. The Lee Mansion.

It will dwarf the hallowed ground of the Cemetery which is truly a Memorial to all those who gave their lives to and for their country. It is also the resting place of some of America's most important heroes including President Kennedy.

Please DO NOT APPROVE this unnecessary project. As a tax payer I want my hard earned money to benefit the living people in this country, not to flatter only one of them. Enough vanity projects.

Also, the traffic around the proposed construction site would create havoc, make the daily commute unbearable.

Andrea Nordell
Arlington Virginia.

Name: Mary Doane
Date: July 8, 2026 9:50:08 am

The degradation of existing monuments and resting of all service members must stop. Every day that passes and what we have held in our hearts is heartbreaking. President Trump refused the call to serve his country during the Vietnam conflict, his guilt does not earn him a monument.

Name: Trevor Stephens
Date: July 8, 2026 9:50:26 am

Firmly against this arch. It's a monument to one man and not a celebration of the nation. It's a waste of taxpayer dollars and would be an eyesore to the city.

Name: Patricia Downs
Date: July 8, 2026 9:50:57 am

Please do not allow this Trump arch, this gaudy, ugly monument to one man overshadow Arlington. I have taken over 1200 students from Iowa to DC. One of our best days was to go to Arlington to walk among our soldiers graves, to visit Kennedy's grave, to visit the Tomb of the Unknown soldier, some to be a part of the changing of the guard. Walking up to Lee's former home to look over the cemetery and DC is an experience that says "sacrifice." This is where we always talked about what "you can do for your country." This is hallowed ground. Please, do not let an arch be built to minimize the sacrifice of our soldiers.

Name: Ann Williams
Date: July 8, 2026 9:51:55 am

The proposed new Monumental Arch is not in harmony with the long-term design of our beautiful Capitol. It is much too large and will dominate the area it is proposed to be set in, over shadowing other significant features. Thank you for your consideration of the long term effect of this proposed monument

Name: Wanda Allison
Date: July 8, 2026 9:52:07 am

My husband and I object strenuously to the Triumphal Arch and ask you not to approve it. It has not been sanctioned by Congress and has no place in its proposed location. Thank you in advance.

Name: Robin Toms
Date: July 8, 2026 9:52:17 am

Please leave our history alone. Leave the view from the Lincoln Monument to Arlington alone. That view is part of our history and should not be altered. If an arch must be built, build it outside of Washington DC where there is less impact.

Name: JoAnn Berwager
Date: July 8, 2026 9:52:47 am

Please low me to go on record, stating that I strongly disagree with a ‘Triumphal Arch’ being built in Washington, DC. Please vote AGAINST this. Thank you.

Name: Charles Barton
Date: July 8, 2026 9:52:48 am

Do not allow Trump to desecrate the legacy of all the true heroes who rest in Arlington Cemetery. It would be a travesty for any president to do what this proposal calls for. Do not dishonor the heroes in Arlington National Cemetery.

Charles K. Barton LtCol ((Ret) USAF

Name: Melanie Krotzer
Date: July 8, 2026 9:53:14 am

To whom it may concern, and this should concern everybody with a conscience: The American public is deeply opposed to the proposed Trump arch. It will mar the beauty and serenity of our nation’s capital, and will bring discredit and distraction to the grounds and surrounding area of Arlington National Cemetery. DC, and especially Arlington, should be places where we can honor and remember shared sacrifice and collective history as a nation. Do not build this arch - it is for one man’s vanity and will devalue the sacrifice that so many have made to keep this country free.

Name: Jo Ann ONeill
Date: July 8, 2026 9:53:52 am

Please do not allow the Triumpal Arch project to go forward. We need to return the White House and the reflecting pool back to their former splendor before erecting anything new. Thank you.

Name: Dorie Goldman
Date: July 8, 2026 9:54:30 am

Aside from the fact that the proposed monument lacks artistic integrity, doesn’t belong in the suggested location (Pres Trump is not a veteran or war hero), and is a waste of taxpayer dollars when people can barely pay for rent, gas, and groceries, Building a monument to a living president is just ridiculous. In a DEMOCRACY, monuments are built once HISTORY has judged an individual (or event) is worthy of memorialization. This project is simply self aggrandizement , plain and simple.

Name: Sandy Garbowski
Date: July 8, 2026 9:55:10 am

I am against the construction of the “Triumphal Arch”. It is too large and will overwhelm the other monuments in the area. It is not aesthetically pleasing. The cost is unacceptable in a time of increasing national debt. And what is its purpose? We are involved in wars that seem to have no end in sight. Why do we want to build an monstrous, expensive arch in honor of nothing?

I, for one, do not think the arch should be built

Name: Leslie Peterson

Date: July 8, 2026 9:55:41 am

The American people do not want this arch. The money would be better used to restore the damage done to the white house during this administration. The people did not approve the demolition of the wing to build a massive ballroom we do not need. This proposed Arch is not for the American people but Trumps personal tribute to himself.

Leslie Peterson

Name: Erin Flanders

Date: July 8, 2026 9:56:01 am

I strongly disagree with the idea of creating my a monument to a contested, living political figure without affording the sense of historical perspective to the American people. Throughout American history, we have generally reserved permanent monuments and monumental architecture for figures whose place in history has been tested over time. The memorials and monumental buildings that define our national landscape were, for the most part, created only after history had the opportunity to assess an individual’s full legacy such as their achievements, failures, and lasting impact on the nation.

This tradition exists for good reason. Historical perspective requires distance. Leaders are often viewed very differently by later generations than they are by their contemporaries. Time allows historians to evaluate evidence, understand long-term consequences, and place a presidency within the broader story of the United States. The distance between a historical figure’s life and the creation of a monument honoring them often reflects this process. For example, the Washington Monument was completed in 1885, nearly 86 years after George Washington’s death in 1799, and the Lincoln Memorial was dedicated in 1922, 57 years after Abraham Lincoln’s assassination in 1865. Similarly, the Jefferson Memorial was dedicated in 1943, more than 117 years after Thomas Jefferson’s death in 1826.

These examples illustrate how the nation has typically allowed substantial time to pass before creating monuments intended to represent enduring historical judgment.

For that reason, constructing a monumental arch honoring a contemporary political figure would represent a significant departure from historical practice. Regardless of one’s political views, permanent national monuments should reflect enduring historical consensus rather than the passions and divisions of a particular moment.

Preserving that tradition is not about supporting or opposing any one president. It is about respecting the historical process itself and allowing future generations, rather than the present generation alone, to determine which individuals merit the nation’s most permanent forms of public honor.

Name: Claire Geistfeld

Date: July 8, 2026 9:56:11 am

I strenuously object to the approval of this vanity project. It does not conform with guidelines, nor was it legally proposed, nor does it serve any purpose except distraction. Please deny approval.

Name: Lisa Avery

Date: July 8, 2026 9:57:41 am

The last thing this country needs is another self aggrandizing monument to the new American King. The American public does not want or need Trumps monument to himself in our public spaces, especially the National Mall.

Name: Rachel S

Date: July 8, 2026 9:58:27 am

The Triumphal Arch would stand more than twice the height of the Lincoln Memorial, permanently dominating the National Mall and looming over a cemetery where roughly 30 funeral services are held every day. This is a project without Congressional approval and that has skipped reviews. The people of DC do not want this. This is a self-aggrandizing project of Donald Trump that is a waste of taxpayer money and if built, will be a stain on the capital like Trump's presidency has been a stain on American democracy.

Name: Susan Thackerson

Date: July 8, 2026 9:58:40 am

Please disallow the construction of this arch. We need no monuments to this president. And no taxpayer money should be spent for this.

Name: Diane Lemieux

Date: July 8, 2026 9:59:27 am

Do not approve this Arch project. It does not have congressional approval.

Name: Jane Weiss

Date: July 8, 2026 10:00:37 am

No more structures are needed in the National Mall, least if all some sort of eyesore arch.

Please do not allow!

Name: Rosa Tougas

Date: July 8, 2026 10:01:39 am

Please say NO! It's simply a grandiose, inappropriate statement and a waste of tax payer money. NO to the arch. Thank you.

Name: MARIE DUMAS

Date: July 8, 2026 10:01:52 am

As a taxpayer, I am opposed to the plan to build a new monumental arch.

Name: carole Melis

Date: July 8, 2026 10:01:52 am

There is absolutely no need for a giant arch that will destroy the original sight lines and design of some of our most sacred ground. It is a vanity project that does not reflect the character of the United States. It is an unnecessary expense

given the challenges of the average American who is simply trying to feed his/her family, and keep them healthy and sheltered. Please vote no.

Name: Catherine Patton

Date: July 8, 2026 10:01:55 am

I was born on Capitol Hill in Washington, D. C. My family has fought in wars in this country back to the revolution. Many of my family, including both of my parents are buried at Arlington Cemetery. I don't know a single person who believes there is any reason to build an arch anywhere in the Washington area. It would not only be an eyesore, it would impact traffic and cost money that should be used to assist our veterans.

Name: Roberta Martin

Date: July 8, 2026 10:02:54 am

This project should NOT go forward. It's just another one of Trump's ideas to get his name on as many things as possible! We don't need a giant arch. Use the money for something more important; feeding hungry Americans, children in particular!

Name: Judy Russell

Date: July 8, 2026 10:03:33 am

No to The Triumphal Arch!!! Waste of taxpayer money and disrespectful to our fallen heroes.

Name: Jean Roelke

Date: July 8, 2026 10:03:43 am

We don't need a monumental arch - we need medicare for all, a Supreme Court that honors the Constitution, a brave Congress, a responsible President, an end to the ridiculous wars, peace, healthcare, truth in education, an increase in wages, and to tax the wealthy. This Arch project is a waste of taxpayer money and a banal vanity project.

Name: Donna Perino

Date: July 8, 2026 10:04:14 am

Please don't let trump ruin everything beautiful about our country. Respect our community and the veteran's who feel disrespected
Thank you.

Name: Dorothy Folkes

Date: July 8, 2026 10:05:17 am

Absolutely not

Name: Jeanye Anderson

Date: July 8, 2026 10:05:37 am

The Triumphal Arch would stand more than twice the height of the Lincoln Memorial, permanently dominating the National Mall and looming over a cemetery where roughly 30 funeral services are held every day.

A project without Congressional approval and that has skipped reviews. The National Mall is America's front yard, and it belongs to all of us - please DO NOT approve this project!

Name: Nancy Johnson

Date: July 8, 2026 10:06:20 am

Please do not allow any plans for a monumental arch to be built.

It is grandiose, oversized, and will tower over all the beautiful existing monuments such as the Lincoln Memorial.

It will overshadow the entrance and vistas of the Arlington cemetery.

It is not needed nor wanted.

It serves no purpose, and it is totally out of character and size to our pedestrian related simple planning of our capitol city of this democracy.

Nancy Johnson

Name: George Foster

Date: July 8, 2026 10:06:48 am

I am against this project. Unnecessary expenditures such as this should not be undertaken until the deficit is brought under control. Secondly, I believe a large project like this needs congressional approval.

Name: Sharon Hammes

Date: July 8, 2026 10:06:53 am

Do not build the arch. It does not have congressional approval, is a distraction to our national cemetery, and I don't believe building grand monuments to ourselves "just because" is what this country is about.

No. No. No!

Sharon Hammes

Name: Cynthia Bischak

Date: July 8, 2026 10:06:58 am

Oh heck NO. My father and both of his brothers served in WWII for the Navy. He served on the USS Massachusetts- he is not buried there nor his brothers but you overshadow his fellow soldiers. A 3 day defensive action at Iwo Jima took over 3 months and a many perished as the Japanese filled drums with oil and blew them up as soldiers landed. He had nightmares in his 80's from it and you slap him and degrade his service from this great shadow that will lie over his fellow veterans dead bodies. How dare he do this?

Name: K. Davey

Date: July 8, 2026 10:07:27 am

As indicated in APPENDIX D, most of the historic and cultural sites and structures considered would be affected adversely, directly or indirectly by this new structure.

In my research, I have not found any compelling rationale for constructing the proposed arch that would in any way offset the adverse impacts on all the other sites in the area.

I am opposed to the concept, the cost, the timing, and the construction-period impact of this proposal.

I believe it would be a monument of derision rather than a monument of pride.

The immediate community, the greater DMV area, and the nation do not need the proposed arch.

Name: B Weber, MD

Date: July 8, 2026 10:08:20 am

I oppose the proposed triumphal arch in Washington, D.C. Taxpayer dollars should be spent on maintaining existing infrastructure and national monuments, not building a costly new monument. I urge the government to prioritize fiscal responsibility and more pressing public needs, particularly healthcare and scientific research.

Name: Robin Chandler

Date: July 8, 2026 10:08:22 am

This proposed arch is a monstrosity and does not belong in our nations capital. Please do not allow this to be built!

Name: Karen Theel

Date: July 8, 2026 10:08:40 am

The money planned to be spent on this Arch should be used to protect our forest lands and natural resources making them available for all

Name: Susan Bechtol

Date: July 8, 2026 10:09:03 am

NO to the building of the arch! NO ago the ballroom! NO to ANY and all Trump vanity projects!!!

Name: Caroline Ross

Date: July 8, 2026 10:09:24 am

I respectfully urge the National Capital Planning Commission to reject the proposed New Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle.

Arlington National Cemetery is one of our nation's most sacred places—a place where families, veterans, and visitors come to honor those who gave so much in service to our country. Its entrance should encourage quiet reflection and ensure that nothing distracts from the lives and sacrifices of those buried there.

The strength of this landscape lies in its simplicity, dignity, and carefully preserved views. The proposed monumental arch would become a dominant visual feature, drawing attention away from the cemetery itself and altering the historic relationship between Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and the Lincoln Memorial. The existing design already conveys the solemn significance of this place without the need for an additional monumental structure.

Our national memorials should preserve spaces that invite contemplation rather than create new focal points that compete for attention. Future generations deserve to experience Arlington with the same sense of reverence that has defined it for decades.

Please preserve the historic character, open vistas, and quiet dignity of Memorial Circle. The greatest tribute we can offer those laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery is to protect the peaceful setting that allows every visitor to focus on their service, sacrifice, and memory.

As an American, I believe the most fitting entrance to Arlington National Cemetery is one that inspires humility and remembrance—not one that risks drawing our attention away from those we have come to honor.

Name: Gail Ogden

Date: July 8, 2026 10:09:32 am

Please do not dishonor the sacred resting place that is the National Cemetery and the lives of the valiant service members who made the ultimate sacrifice. This arch is garish, and like everything else being built by this administration, would be poorly built, a waste of taxpayer money, and an ugly eyesore upon the Capitol grounds. Since Congress is not doing its job, honor the will of the citizens and stop this project. Thank you.

Name: Susan McGrail

Date: July 8, 2026 10:09:42 am

Please stop this desecration of the landscape of our nation's capitol. No single person of any stature should have the unapproved authority to establish their own personal monument on land which doesn't belong to them. It's disgusting, disgraceful, distasteful and disrespectful of the history, culture of our country and her American citizens

Name: Jessica Caputo

Date: July 8, 2026 10:11:06 am

Please do not approve the trump arch project. The funds of the country need to be put to better use, including cleaning up the reflecting pool.

Name: Nancy Rogers

Date: July 8, 2026 10:11:15 am

Please do not approve the proposed arch.
There are serious concerns regarding safety of flights in the area of the arch.
There are many federal programs that can use tax-payer dollars in a more positive way.

Name: Scott Singleton

Date: July 8, 2026 10:11:19 am

I object to the development of this project for the following reasons:

1. It is wildly out of proportion to the area.
2. It has not been reviewed according to the laws governing such construction.
3. It is disrespectful to our veterans honored and interred nearby and the sacrifices they made for our country.
4. It is not clear what this arch is expected to honor, unlike all of the other monuments in Washington DC which have a clear purpose.
5. It poses potential hazards to air traffic in the area.

Sincerely,

Scott Singleton

Name: S Kinzler

Date: July 8, 2026 10:11:54 am

No Arch or other obstruction should be placed near hallowed ground of our fallen soldiers! I stand with all veterans and citizens who are opposed to this.

Name: Victoria Butzen

Date: July 8, 2026 10:12:33 am

No need to erect an arch in the middle of the national monument. It will obstruct the views of one monument to another. It will be unnecessarily taller. It must be named after the current/living President as stated by the current/living President. What other President in the history of the U.S. has demanded his name be attached to so many projects/buildings/currency/passports. Enough already. Let's get back to honoring those deserving of it, not nominated by themselves or by Executive Order signed by the man it's to be named after. He's making Putin to look good in comparison!!

Name: Ginger Peek

Date: July 8, 2026 10:13:23 am

The president has no rights ordering this arch to be built, nor to force us to pay for it. First, this wasn't approved in any budget; second, we are trillions of dollars in debt; and, most importantly, the money to build it would be put to better use feeding the hungry - or even repairing the reflecting pool and WH lawn. Lastly: This was never part of the design for this area. It's a desecration of the most hallowed place in the country. This will destroy it.

Name: Julie Knoll

Date: July 8, 2026 10:13:49 am

Please do not allow the arch to be built. The cemetery is such a sacred area and the arch would not only block the view but cost so much money to build. That money could be used for so many other causes to help the American people who desperately need help from the federal government.

Name: Janelle Gauthier

Date: July 8, 2026 10:14:01 am

Please reject the proposed Triumphal Arch in Washington, DC.

As a spouse of a USCG Retired veteran, I too believe Arlington National Cemetery should remain a place of solemn remembrance, not political symbolism. Placing a large arch at its entrance would diminish the dignity of this sacred site and obstruct the historic view between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House—a view preserved to represent national unity. It also seems like installing this arch would be trying to "keep up" with other countries and their installations or arches as if our country doesn't have anything to be proud of already.

Our taxpayer dollars should be directed toward serving veterans and addressing our nation's real needs such as education, not funding a controversial monument. I respectfully urge you to reject this proposal and preserve the integrity of Arlington National Cemetery.

Name: Anna Ward

Date: July 8, 2026 10:14:05 am

As a concerned citizen, I am writing to urge you to take immediate congressional action to halt the administration's proposed 250-foot "Triumphal Arch" near the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. This vanity project threatens the integrity of our nation's capital and poses several critical issues:

Disrespects Veterans: At 250 feet, the colossal arch would obstruct the solemn, symbolic sightlines between Arlington National Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial. Military veterans and historic preservationists have rightly noted that altering this hallowed space for a monument to one man's ego disrespects the thousands of fallen heroes buried at Arlington.

Violates Federal Law: Constructing a massive monument on this ceremonial axis requires explicit congressional approval. Bypassing Congress and the standard vetting process—while also brushing aside the federal Height of Buildings Act—sets a dangerous precedent for unilateral architectural abuse.

Severe Flight Hazards: Located just thousands of feet from Reagan National Airport, the structure sits directly in flight paths. Aviation and safety experts have warned that a 250-foot structure creates unacceptable risks for commercial air travel.

Our national memorials belong to the American people, not to the political administration of the day. I ask that you support efforts such as the legal challenges and legislative actions currently being led to block this inappropriate construction. Thank you for your time, your public service, and your attention to this urgent matter.

Name: Beverly Garren

Date: July 8, 2026 10:14:08 am

The arch is nothing but a monument to Trump himself. We do not need an arch to commemorate anything that the US is doing. We do not need to spend money on an arch for Trump. Use that money to fund public projects that help people.

That arch is a disgrace to the many veterans buried in Arlington national Cemetery. And a total waste of taxpayer money. I slap in the face to all of us.

Name: Corinne yip

Date: July 8, 2026 10:14:56 am

Please do not spend our tax dollars on a structure that diminishes our current historic grounds. A government that prioritizes it's citizens and their well-being would be wise to use the proposed budget in support of all it's citizens and their health, education, and the country's infrastructure that is much in need of repair. This arch serves no purpose.

Name: Roberta Cullen

Date: July 8, 2026 10:16:04 am

Please, please, please do NOT allow this project to move forward!

The war dead who are honored and lying in rest at Arlington Cemetery should not be over-shadowed by this unnecessary and unwanted "arch" that will interrupt the view of that sacred ground. Nothing should be taller than the Lincoln Memorial. Nothing should obstruct the view of any part of the cemetery.

PLEASE DON'T LET THIS ARCH BE BUILT!!!

Name: Steve Sherer

Date: July 8, 2026 10:17:52 am

Please NO!

Name: Becky Greenway

Date: July 8, 2026 10:18:35 am

No Trump arch.

Name: J. Sarafin

Date: July 8, 2026 10:20:00 am

I am writing to request that you please reject the proposed Triumphial Arch in Washington D.C. As a veteran who is married to a veteran, and whose father was a Vietnam War veteran and is buried in a veteran's cemetery, I feel that building this monument at the request of a repeat draft dodger near a national cemetery AND our nationals mall would be crass and extremely disrespectful to the heroes who have served and are currently serving the a United States. Please respect the sanctity of this cemetery and our country and do not approve this project.

Name: Sarah Casey

Date: July 8, 2026 10:20:16 am

I want to speak in opposition to the new Arch. It is so disgusting and disrespectful to our country. We should not be spending so much money on an arch when folks are struggling to get by. It truly feels like this arch is simply being built to satisfy Trumps ego. We don't need it nor is it a good use of our taxpayer monies. Thank you.

Name: Yvonne Sebile

Date: July 8, 2026 10:20:38 am

Triumphal Arch will desecrate the honor of our fallen heroes. It's not needed and a waste of money for hardworking Americans. It's a huge no.

Do the right thing.

Name: Gayle Ficken-Clarke

Date: July 8, 2026 10:22:10 am

The proposed arch interferes with the view to and from hallowed ground, Arlington. It's construction will interfere with traffic for months or years frustrating the thousands of people getting to and from work. Last, if current construction is taken into account, the result will be a hideous memorial with completely shoddy construction. This is a completely unnecessary addition to the beautiful city that is the District of columbia.

Name: Lloyd Goodman

Date: July 8, 2026 10:23:18 am

I share the concerns that others have expressed about the location, scale, and design of the proposed Triumphal Arch. The location, at Memorial Circle, would interrupt the powerful relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House, one of the most symbolic landscape vistas in Washington, DC, a relationship that gives most visitors to Washington their first and lasting impression of the best part of the national's capital.

But my concerns go beyond that.

I am concerned about the height and scale of the proposed arch. It will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House. It will dwarf the Lincoln Memorial and will diminishing the preeminent importance of this powerful monument.

From an aesthetic and design standpoint, Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed with a low profile to respect the visual and symbolic connections between the National Mall and National Cemetery. If constructed as planned at the proposed location, the new arch will obscure the intentional relationships between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House.

I have great respect for the people who, until this point, have planned, shepherded and protected the National Mall as a unified area culminating at the Lincoln Memorial and for the people who have planned and respected and protected the whole “monuments area,” where monuments that are important to our nation and to us for different, individual, specific purposes and reasons, which each, amazingly, has been planned and placed in a way that gives it its own character and “breathing room” without invading the space and power of other memorials and monuments, some of which are only a few steps away. Each can be appreciated on its own as well as part of the monumental whole. That’s an amazing important balance that this arch does not respect and that I’m afraid will be harmed if not totally ruined by this imposing, structure that has no specific purpose or reason for being.

When I first saw the size, design and proposed placement of the Monumental Arch, that area of the Las Vegas Strip that has the Eiffel Tower, Statue of Liberty and other wonders of the world came to mind right there ... everything, everywhere, all at once, a clutter where things can be seen ... seen but never really for their original purpose, where thing has a space of its own. I know that’s a tortured comparison, but I think it’s an accurate prediction of what impact this mall would have on a very important and to some sacred area on our nation’s capital.

At some point, at some time, some memorial or monument may be appropriate at this location. This arch is not it.

Name: Karan Beard

Date: July 8, 2026 10:23:46 am

The national mall is perfect the way it is! Consturction of theTriumphal Arch would overshadow the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington. I would rather see my tax dollars go to preservation and restoration of existing monuments. I urge you to deny this project.

Name: Barbara Dearman

Date: July 8, 2026 10:23:46 am

This is the dumbest in a long list of wasteful vanity projects. This is a waste of our tax dollars, when the deficit is already way out of hand.

Name: Carolyn Myler

Date: July 8, 2026 10:23:48 am

There is no need for this arch to be built. Arlington Cemetery is a beautiful and peaceful place which already honors those who sacrificed their all for each of us. This arch is simply an ego project and would be a total waste of money.

Name: Lisa Clemente

Date: July 8, 2026 10:24:11 am

We don’t need a new monumental arch. Please do not approve it. Our taxpayer money should go to improving the lives of all of the people in this country and not vanity projects for this administration.

Name: Lisa Veldran

Date: July 8, 2026 10:24:57 am

Please stop this atrocity. It is so disrespectful. Is there anyone willing to stand up to stop this project? Unfortunately once again we trample over the people who have served our country with honor, dignity and their souls.

Name: deborah niezgoda

Date: July 8, 2026 10:25:16 am

The proposed construction is much too large for the site and is tacky/ugly. It obscures the true monument, Arlington Cemetery. One person, obsessed with size, thinks it looks good there and demands it be built. The proposal violates current law - anything build on this site must be authorized by the Congress.

Name: Kristyn Ray

Date: July 8, 2026 10:25:24 am

As a veteran, I strongly oppose the construction of the proposed 250-foot triumphal arch in front of Arlington National Cemetery.

Arlington is not a place for monuments to political figures or displays of personal legacy. It is sacred ground, dedicated to the men and women who answered our nation's call to serve, many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice. Since the cemetery's earliest burials in the 19th century, generations of service members have, in military tradition, signed the proverbial "blank check" to defend this country, knowing it could cost them everything.

Placing a towering structure at the entrance to Arlington would literally and symbolically cast a shadow over those whose courage, sacrifice, and selfless service define the meaning of this hallowed place. Their stories should remain the focus—not the legacy or ambitions of any one individual.

I also find it deeply troubling that this proposal would honor someone who avoided military service while so many others willingly accepted that responsibility. Regardless of one's political beliefs, Arlington National Cemetery should never become a backdrop for elevating a single person above the generations of Americans who served with honor.

This proposal diminishes the solemn purpose of Arlington. It risks transforming a place of remembrance into one of political symbolism, undermining the dignity owed to every service member and their families.

I respectfully urge you to reject this proposal and preserve Arlington National Cemetery as what it has always been: a place of honor, sacrifice, reflection, and remembrance—not a monument to personal ambition.

Thank you for your attention and opportunity to be heard.

Name: Jeanene Davey

Date: July 8, 2026 10:25:56 am

As a citizen of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia and a resident of Alexandria, I am completely opposed to the construction of this proposed vanity arch. The proposal lacks the careful study and planning that should precede a project of its scope relating to cost, location, impact and indeed, benefits to our people. Its very size and location is inappropriate as it would visually impact and interfere with the carefully protected aesthetics of this sacred site. The impact on traffic in an already congested area would cause undue burdens on local and nonlocal commuters. The financial costs are a burden and do absolutely nothing to improve the lives of our citizens nor to honor the resting places of our brave and fallen soldiers. There are no benefits to our citizens to outweigh the cost, the location, the impact on local traffic, the impact on air traffic to Reagan, and the visual obstruction that it will cause at a sacred site. The arch is unnecessary, unwarranted, and unwanted. I vehemently object to this project moving forward.

Name: Sara Au

Date: July 8, 2026 10:26:01 am

The proposed arch does not belong on the National Mall, overlooking and putting into the shadows the graves of our fallen and the memorials to our historical heroes. I object on more grounds than that, though. Previous projects undertaken by this administration have been awarded to companies without a bid and without vetting so that the projects take longer and cost the taxpayers more, and the end products show shoddy workmanship. Our National Mall has already been desecrated by the Reflecting Pool project which has now drawn so much negative attention (no matter what you

believe happened to it) which defeats its stated purpose. This arch would be a magnet for vandalism and desecration from bad actors and it should not be approved for that reason, as well.

Name: Debra Lake

Date: July 8, 2026 10:26:29 am

The Triumphal Arch would stand more than twice the height of the Lincoln Memorial, permanently dominating the National Mall and looming over a cemetery where roughly 30 funeral services are held every day. A project without Congressional approval and that has skipped reviews. The National Mall is America's front yard, and it belongs to all of us

I oppose this project in its entirety.

Name: Christina Ohlinger

Date: July 8, 2026 10:26:34 am

Please do not allow construction of the Arch. The proposed size alone should be disqualifying. The idea of this monument towering over Arlington National Cemetery is horrifying as it would dishonor those who served our country and sacrificed all. Finally, the proposed construction is bypassing the proper review process and is ignoring the role of Congress in authorizing such projects. Rules and laws should apply to all projects equally. Thank you for reading and considering my comment.

Name: Leslie Ricks

Date: July 8, 2026 10:26:45 am

Please do not spend taxpayer money on another unnecessary vanity project. This country has more pressing issues that need to be attended to. Spend our taxpayer money on our infrastructure, feeding hungry people, helping people with medical issues, etc. That is what taxpayers want and need. NO MORE VANITY PROJECTS.

Name: Kristy Crawford

Date: July 8, 2026 10:27:22 am

We do not need an arch that overshadows our national cemetery. We especially do not need one that honors someone who never served our country in the military overshadowing those who died for our country. I would say the same for any person who planned this self honoring project. Please do not let this happen.

Name: Susan Dewey

Date: July 8, 2026 10:27:33 am

Dear Commission Members,

Please do not allow the construction of the enormous arch that will dominate the historic views of monuments and Arlington Cemetery. It has no specific meaning as all the other statues and monuments do, and so adds no historical significance and is a waste of dollars that would be better spent elsewhere.

Sincerely,

Susan Dewey

Name: Beth Nash

Date: July 8, 2026 10:28:38 am

I am writing to oppose the proposed triumphal arch in Washington, DC. The size and design would be disproportionate to the surroundings and inconsistent with longstanding design of the nation's capital. It would take away from the solemnity of a cemetery where many of our service members are interred. It would be costly to construct, and ongoing maintenance costs would be significant. The project does not have Congressional approval, and it has not been subject to the normal review processes for projects of this scope, making it likely that the project would be problematic and very expensive to implement. There is no need for this arch, and it would be a waste of resources and an unsightly addition to our beloved national capital.

Thank you for including this input in the record.

Name: Casey Weisdock

Date: July 8, 2026 10:29:03 am

I write to express my concern about the design of the new Triumphal Arch. The design itself is one that does not fit with the surrounding monuments and doesn't meet criteria for honoring site lines within the area. I'm also concerned for the fact that this project has lacked the oversight and approvals that are typical of this type of large scale construction that is taxpayer funded. I'm not against the construction of the arch, but I think its design should be considered to a greater degree and should be adapted so that it does not overshadow the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery. I also think that it should go through the traditional review process by Congress and otherwise.

Name: Jon Ault

Date: July 8, 2026 10:29:09 am

Please stop the construction of the proposed arch, I am a veteran and it will be yet another disgrace to the country and a waste of taxpayer funds to build a monument to a horrible excuse for a president.

Name: Sandra Rideout-Hanzak

Date: July 8, 2026 10:29:22 am

Dear Committee,

Please do not allow this monument to be built. It will desecrate the area of the Arlington National Cemetery, which is our national symbol of anti-fascism, heroism, and loyalty, and the resting place of many American heroes who answered the call when their nation was in need. This monument will be a symbol of tyranny and self-aggrandizement dedicated to a oligarch who is purposefully destroying our nation for the economic benefit of himself, his family, and his friends. This president has already destroyed one wing of the White House without permission; do not allow him to destory this area also.

Sincerely,

Sandra Rideout-Hanzak
American, Texan

Name: Rebecca Barnes

Date: July 8, 2026 10:29:32 am

To Whom it May Concern:

I am submitting my passionate opposition to the New Monumental Arch project proposed for Washington DC. The proposed arch would forever compromise the view to Arlington National Cemetery; a historical design with profound meaning for our country and those laid to rest there. Moreover, the proposed arch would grossly overshadow the Lincoln Memorial.

As a United States citizen who embraces the design of our nation's capital with deep respect, I implore the NCPC to

block this proposed arch, thereby preserving the hallowed design and view that mean so much to our citizens.

Respectfully,
Rebecca Barnes
Baltimore, MD

Name: JODI AZEVEDO
Date: July 8, 2026 10:29:59 am

NOT WITHOUT CONGRESS APPROVA!! Do not spend my tax dollars on this project. We need healthcare, food, housing, and reducing our daily expenses, No MORE trump vanity projects.

This Arch has no value, it's just another vanity project for this disgrace of a president, He profits, while American's suffer. And waste our tax dollars on unnecessary decorating projects ... which ultimately are a disgrace: The reflecting pool, the East Wing, the ridiculous Ballroom, the gilding of our monuments. this is ALL of AMERICA's monuments, and sacred places, not one person who acts like a tyrant King.

NO ON THE ARCH. We are all watching you too, do the right thing. We will NEVER forget who kept this narcissist in power, pillaging and plundering our nation, while we suffer AND YOU DO NOTHING!

dO THE RIGHT THING HERE, NO TO THE ARCH!

Name: Bonnie Kopp
Date: July 8, 2026 10:30:14 am

No. That's all.

Name: Mark McEwen
Date: July 8, 2026 10:31:25 am

The proposed arch is large, expensive and ugly. If constructed, it will sever the relationship between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery. That relationship was created consciously and should not be changed. This administration has already ruined the White House. It should not be allowed to continue to degrade our capital

Name: David Harding
Date: July 8, 2026 10:31:29 am

This area of the city is great the way it is.

Possibly improve pedestrian access to the shore line taking into consideration, safety.

The Arch is an unnecessary tax expense.

Name: Carol Garbacik
Date: July 8, 2026 10:31:32 am

To the Commissioners of the National Capital Planning Commission,
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Department of the Interior's proposal to construct the 250-foot "New Monumental Arch" at Memorial Circle (NCPC File No. 8778). While the desire to celebrate national heritage is understandable, this specific proposal introduces severe legal, historical, and safety conflicts that cannot be mitigated. I urge the Commission to reject this project for the following reasons:

1. Bypassing the Commemorative Works Act (CWA): This project explicitly lacks the mandatory congressional authorization required for new monuments on federal land in the nation's capital. Reviving a century-old bridge statute to avoid legislative oversight sets a dangerous regulatory precedent. Violating the Heights of Buildings Act.

2. At 250 feet tall, the arch is completely out of scale with Washington D.C.'s historic low-slung skyline. It stands nearly double the height of the legally established 130-foot limit, disrupting the architectural harmony of the capital. Almost all buildings in Washington D.C. are federal buildings. They are not exempt from this limit.

3. Desecration of Sacred Space: The massive shadow of this structure would directly compromise the somber, quiet solemnity of the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. A monument of this scale replaces a place of quiet reflection for families of the fallen with a high-traffic tourist attraction.

4. Disruption of the Historic Visual Axis: The Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed to visually connect the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House as a symbol of post-Civil War national healing. Placing a massive arch in Memorial Circle breaks this historic, open vista.

5. Severe Traffic and Pedestrian Hazards: Memorial Circle is already a heavily congested, high-speed traffic roundabout. Forcing an observation deck, café, and gift shop into the center of the circle creates a logistical nightmare, introducing intense pedestrian safety risks and severe vehicular gridlock.

For these reasons, and more, the proposed arch is a fundamental mismatch for this sacred and historic location. I respectfully request that the NCPC uphold its mandate to protect the integrity of the National Capital Region and deny approval for File No. 8778.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and dedication to preserving our national capital.

Name: Mary Suter
Date: July 8, 2026 10:31:35 am

The new Monumental Arch is not an appropriate expression of American greatness. It is too grandiose and celebrates nothing in particular. It is the kind of monument European kings and emperors erected for themselves. People immigrated here to leave Europe behind. Such a monument does not belong in the United States. I am opposed to construction of this Arch.

Name: Lynn Layton
Date: July 8, 2026 10:31:43 am

This arch should NOT be built. Trump is looking to honor himself at the expense of those who lie in Arlington Cemetery who truly gave their lives for this country, why should a towering arch put a shadow over them. All Trump has done is destroyed much of our democracy and things like the Reflecting Pool. The Arch isn't even legal without going through Congress. And even if it seemed acceptable it is way too big to be put in that roundabout.

Name: Shelly Johnson
Date: July 8, 2026 10:32:16 am

I do NOT want a massive arch when we go to visit our loved ones in Arlington. This cemetery is hallowed ground for those who have served and protected our country. It would be an eyesore

Name: Kathleen Stepp
Date: July 8, 2026 10:32:47 am

I am begging you to stop the creation of this hideous vanity arch! It would be terribly offensive and incongruent with our nation's traditional monuments.

We The People do not need or want such a display of arrogance.

Name: Kim Vohs
Date: July 8, 2026 10:32:57 am

I know your time is valuable so I will keep this short. I am wholeheartedly against installment of the triumphful arch. I am a person who does my research before I vote. I keep track of who has the guts to stand up against unnecessary, self-serving, additions to our great national monuments. If people can't see this arch, for what it is, they don't deserve my vote.

Respectfully,
Kim Vohs

Name: Margaret Gregory
Date: July 8, 2026 10:33:06 am

This is an outrage to our beautiful national capital that belongs to American people and those who have sacrificed everything for our freedoms and way of life. One man's gaudy tastes play no part in our culture. The gold gilding must stop!! We have democratic institutions and experts to maintain the tasteful beauty of National property. Please end this waste and tackiness now!! Thank you!

Name: Mary Naumec
Date: July 8, 2026 10:33:19 am

I strongly oppose this Arch project. There are many more important priorities that need attention and funding. I believe that the proposed project and its location are disrespectful to our veterans. Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Cindy Schneider
Date: July 8, 2026 10:33:24 am

The arch is not something our country needs right now. The world is watching us erect these monuments for Trump and we are the laughing stock around the globe. It's embarrassing and I can't think of a worse way to use my tax dollars. It also towers over the graves of soldiers who died for our freedom, a blatant disregard for these men and women. Horrible. Please do not complete this Trump project, he has already destroyed the White House. Building this project will be a sign of our country's weakness —Trump can get whatever he wants at our expense.

Name: Patricia Brown
Date: July 8, 2026 10:33:27 am

I oppose the construction of the arch. It would detract from the beautiful and peaceful area along our national Mall and the surrounding area. Please use funds to maintain and enhance our existing national parks and monuments, including adequate support to our knowledgeable rangers and docents. No to the arch!

Name: JoAnn Kelly
Date: July 8, 2026 10:33:57 am

Unequivocally oppose the construction of the Triumphal Arch. It would ruin the DC landscape and is disrespectful to those interred in Arlington National Cemetery.

Name: Ann Martin
Date: July 8, 2026 10:34:39 am

There is no reason to construct this arch. It is ridiculously out of scale with its surroundings. It distorts the approach to the cemetery, which is hallowed ground. This at the very least requires Congressional approval. It is mere self-

aggrandizement to build it.

Name: Jill Foster

Date: July 8, 2026 10:35:01 am

Please do not build this horrific vanity statue! Save our sacred grounds.

Name: Smita Sampat

Date: July 8, 2026 10:35:26 am

I oppose the arch over the national mall that would also cover the veterans cemetery

Name: Judith A Koch

Date: July 8, 2026 10:35:40 am

This proposed arch marginalizes our veterans who have given so much to the United States of America! Our veterans loved our country, supported each other and the Constitution in life and are together in death still supporting each other and the country for which they died.

NO ARCH! NOT TODAY! NOT TOMORROW! NOT EVER!!

STAND UP AND PROTECT!

Name: Cynthia Donahey

Date: July 8, 2026 10:36:04 am

This is ridiculous. I object to self aggrandizing projects anywhere on public property. It should be canceled immediately.

Name: Kristin Bonaldo

Date: July 8, 2026 10:36:19 am

The triumph arch of whatever he is naming it is a useless eyesore. I believe if you want something erected in your own name you should do something to merit it and you should not erect it yourself. And please finish one unapproved project before you start another. And get approval from congress before you mar the views.

Name: Kathleen Hammond

Date: July 8, 2026 10:36:35 am

I object to this monstrosity based on its location and what it represents or doesn't represent. It's not based on any accomplishment or defined purpose. Just vanity. I object to the amount of money being spent on one persons vanity on projects that are not for "we the people," but "me the egomaniac."

Name: Tracey Hendrick

Date: July 8, 2026 10:36:49 am

I am writing to vehemently oppose the trump arch project in Washington DC. This would stand more than twice the height of the Lincoln Memorial, permanently dominating the National Mall and looming over a cemetery where roughly

30 funeral services are held every day. It would forever change the look of DC and remind us of what a terrible time it has been having trump as president. A project without Congressional approval and that has skipped reviews. The National Mall is America's front yard, and it belongs to all. Please do not approve this monstrosity.

Name: Hope Gaines
Date: July 8, 2026 10:36:58 am

Please do NOT permit this unnecessary and potentially ugly structure to destroy the carefully planned view toward Arlington National Cemetery. There is no reason to build this arch except the vanity and bad taste of President Trump. It signifies nothing else. Washington needs improvement; this is not it. It's offensive/

Thank you

Name: Sylvia Stompe
Date: July 8, 2026 10:37:30 am

I am writing to register my disapproval of the monumental arch proposed by President Donald Trump. It is a waste of funding when there are such urgent needs in this country.

Name: Kathy Butcher
Date: July 8, 2026 10:37:41 am

Please reconsider the placement of this arch. As designed it will overshadow both the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Memorial Cemetery.

Name: Luke Duran
Date: July 8, 2026 10:38:02 am

I write in vehement opposition to the construction of the proposed monumental arch at Memorial Circle. As a Montanan, I don't get to visit Washington DC very often. But when I do, nothing instills more patriotic pride in me than strolling the National Mall and Memorial Parks area of our nation's capital. The proposed arch feels hastily conceived, with little consideration to what it would contribute symbolically and emotionally to the aesthetics, honor and visual impact of our National Mall. I believe new monuments should only be considered in retrospect of actions and leadership, and only after historical review and with the perspective of time. This arch does not meet any of that criteria, and further, it feels much more politically conceived than honorific. Thank you for your consideration, and I fervently hope that further discussion to assemble this arch is tabled permanently.

Name: Wendy Lawrence
Date: July 8, 2026 10:38:06 am

I am strongly opposed to this. As a disabled veteran, I find it obstructive and unnecessary. It's too big. It's misplaced and unnecessary. It's an unnecessary cost. And it's ugly. There is no reason for it other than one arrogant, narcissistic man wants it. Please don't do it.

Name: Kathy Batchler
Date: July 8, 2026 10:38:11 am

Please reject this proposal out of respect for our fallen and living service people.

Name: Bill Lanterman
Date: July 8, 2026 10:38:23 am

Awful. A disgrace.

Name: Alicia Johnson Brewer
Date: July 8, 2026 10:38:51 am

Simply put, as a taxpayer I do not want to see this arch built and certainly not by a criminal president who does not believe in "One Nation Under God" and "Liberty and Justice for All."

Name: Kim Houde
Date: July 8, 2026 10:39:41 am

I absolutely oppose the arch. It is a travesty and will ruin the area. It has no reason to be built and will overshadow what is now a beautiful area. DO NOT BUILD THE ARCH.

Name: Martha Eads
Date: July 8, 2026 10:39:52 am

Please do not build this arch, which would tower over other key monuments. Instead, support our parks, which are losing funding.

Thank you.

Name: Patricia Cummings
Date: July 8, 2026 10:40:17 am

To Whom it May Concern,

I am submitting a request for that memorial arch not to be built. I have many family members buried in Arlington Cemetery. I can not imagine any of them wanting that monstrosity build at the entrance to our most holy and scared ground. This is not what they fought for. My father, the late LTC Gene Hill, US Army, fought in Korea and Vietnam. A decorated war hero buried with full honors. My late father in law, CDR Eugene Robert's Stroup, US Navy, WWII and Korea. He was at Normandy - Omaha beach. And my other later father in law, LTC Earl Cummings, fought in WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Please honor our military's resting place. They have earned their peace thru actions, valor and service to their country in the worst times and places. Truly let the words "a grateful nation" - that they say when you are handed the folded flag be true.

Thank you
Patricia Cummings.

Name: Nancy McDermott
Date: July 8, 2026 10:41:03 am

The proposed new Monumental Arch should be rejected. Most Americans would argue against government spending on unnecessary construction for this project. The current Administration has repeatedly voted to reduce government spending and this proposal contradicts that policy. Using more, scarce government funds to pay for the proposed Arch is irresponsible

This country that days ago celebrated 250 years in existence was built on the sacrifice of soldiers and armed civilians. There are 430,000 patriots buried at Arlington National Cemetery that have earned the peaceful resting grounds that generations of visitors and family members continue to show their respect to those fallen heroes.

The proposed Trump-al Arch would disturb the peaceful setting enjoyed by thousands of mourning visitors. Grief is individual and cemeteries are often gathering space for people to mourn, remember, memorialize and celebrate. The proposed oversized, ornate Arch overshadowing this peaceful cemetery directly conflicts with the current, peaceful setting.

The proposed size and dimensions of the Arch would cause revised traffic management tools likely a larger traffic circle and possible pedestrian walkway to manage visitor traffic. Mourners in the burial procession would need to navigate this increased traffic obstacle immediately before their loved one's destination. The current green, clear space entering the Arlington Cemetery allows quiet reflection, focus on the person or people being remembered.

Do not allow a large Arch of stone and statues overshadow the current background view of the Lincoln Memorial. The memorialized President Lincoln was the brave leader responsible for holding this country together during and after The Civil War. How can anyone choose to overshadow that accomplishment. President Lincoln was assassinated in office, an ultimate sacrifice - similar to Many of the deceased buried at Arlington Cemetery.

The Trump-al Arch would detract from these current Memorials. I implore you to reject this Arch proposal.

Name: Vicki Sweet
Date: July 8, 2026 10:41:51 am

I am very much against the building of this arch. It has nothing to do with any political opinion. This arch will interfere with the views of the most sacred area of our nation: Arlington National Cemetery!

What bothers me most about this arch isn't its size or its cost — it's what it would take away. That view from Arlington toward the Lincoln Memorial has always felt like a quiet, deliberate thing: a straight line drawn between the graves of the fallen and the memory of the man credited with holding the country together after it nearly tore itself apart. It's not an accident that the bridge connecting them was built low, so nothing would get in the way of that sightline. Dropping a 250-foot gilded arch right into that view, at the exact point where families visit their buried loved ones, feels like putting a monument to a president's ego between people and their grief. I don't think a sense of place like that can be un-built once it's gone, and that's exactly why veterans themselves are suing to stop it. Plus the arch seems too ostentatious. I just is not necessary in this citizen's opinion

Name: Diane Bil
Date: July 8, 2026 10:42:02 am

Please do not desecrate hallowed ground at Arlington by allowing President Trump to erect a huge monumental arch overshadowing these sacred spaces. It will ruin the solumn aesthetics and history of the area. He is only trying to self-aggrandize himself with a larger arch than any other country. This is so irresponsible. Thank you for your attention, Another American taxpayer, Diane B.

Name: Linda Minnotte
Date: July 8, 2026 10:42:08 am

I am writing to vehemently oppose this project. This proposal has no Congressional approval and is just another Trump disgrace, especially to those lying at Arlington National Cemetery. Taller than the Lincoln Memorial? Another disgrace. Please do not let this project go forward. The area is the people's, not Trump's.

Name: Dorris Alfonso
Date: July 8, 2026 10:42:13 am

I am writing against erecting at this time. First, its location interferes with the corridor between the Lincoln Memorial and the Arlington Cemetery. Secondly, its height is ridiculous. An arch can be impressive without being that tall. The arch in Valley Forge is elegant. I believe that any new structure needs more thought and time. The actual design is ugly. Who is paying for this structure? Trump has said that other improvements were being paid by donors only to find out later, it was money from the parks or other taxpayer money. Washington DC is a beautiful city and changes should be made by people who represent the diverse inhabitants.

Name: Herbert Aurand
Date: July 8, 2026 10:42:49 am

No arch is needed. Let trump build one at his casino.

Name: Kathryn Tate
Date: July 8, 2026 10:44:48 am

The American people do not need or want this arch! The only leaders that build monuments to themselves are dictators and kings. Not to mention, It's a waste of money!!!

Name: Susan Davis
Date: July 8, 2026 10:44:48 am

My comment is to certify my very certain disagreement with the Arch that administration wants to put up. Other arches of triumph around the world are from times when putting up those monuments we done to celebrate wars won. We don't do that anymore because we know that wars cause as much harm as they do good. This arch is simply a tribute to a living president. That is against everything we stand for! I am an old lady who spent 7 years in the Army Reserve. I love my country and my oath was to the Constitution. This is not respectful toward our Constitution or our view of our country. It grandizes one man. I spent 20 yrs teaching and I know what working for the greater good is. This is not it.

Name: Mary Jones
Date: July 8, 2026 10:46:12 am

This is an ABSOLUTE perversion of the tenor and tone of Washington DC. To block the Lincoln Memorial is bad enough, but to block the National Cemetery where are most valiant heroes are buried is obscenely self-serving and totally against what this country has persevered towards for more than 250 years. Stand up for what is right and honorable and put a stop to this project ASAP.

Name: Richele Pryor
Date: July 8, 2026 10:46:33 am

I do not agree to have a monument fu def yo honor a convicted felon living president. No taxpayer money should be spent to honor someone who has observed in the military nor served the public with honor.

Name: Janie Miernik
Date: July 8, 2026 10:46:45 am

Please do not demand an arch that only 47 wants. Use the money more wisely to help Americans in need, rather than cast a shadow on the dead.

Name: Jamie Matteson
Date: July 8, 2026 10:46:58 am

As a U.S. citizen, I am against it. It would change the beauty of the current layout.

Name: Sheila Bishoff
Date: July 8, 2026 10:46:58 am

The Trump Arch is an unnecessary vanity project and expense to our country. Please do not allow this to be built.

Name: Kimberly Kline
Date: July 8, 2026 10:47:36 am

In regards to Mr Trump's "Triumphal Arch", this project is a vanity project and I do not support it for that reason and many more.
The historic view of the entrance to our soldiers final resting place should be kept unchanged. The cemetery was built with careful consideration of design and demonstrates a serene resting place for our veterans. A gaudy arch should not be obstructing the entrance, and frankly, and gaudy arch that is twice the height of the Lincoln Memorial is simply obscene and a waste of taxpayers money.

Name: Marti Wilknsnson
Date: July 8, 2026 10:47:53 am

I am writing to object to the Arch that has been proposed at Arlington. I don't believe it's appropriate and especially from someone who has avoided his own military service. Leave hallowed ground alone.
My father served in WWII and service members would not want this!
Sincerely, Marti Wilkinson

Name: David D'Olimpio
Date: July 8, 2026 10:49:17 am

NO to Trump's Arch !!!!!

Name: Evelyn Ostoich
Date: July 8, 2026 10:49:18 am

Please do not allow further spoiling of Washington D.C.'s overall landscape view. Arlington Cemetery is sacred and hallowed ground and families of service men and women buried here deserve the monumental grandeur that now exists.

Name: Sharon Hogue
Date: July 8, 2026 10:49:42 am

The American people should be making the choice of what monuments they'd like to build. My choice is a resounding NO. Having had the opportunity to visit Washington DC, including Arlington Cemetery, the area where the arch is to be built I personally consider to be hallowed ground. It should remain as it is. The cherry trees should also remain in place. The annual bloom is an attraction that some visitors to DC plan their trip around.

Name: Solsire Bergendahl
Date: July 8, 2026 10:50:36 am

President Lincoln saved our country by keeping it together, and another monument, such as this arch, should not be bigger than the Lincoln Memorial. Monuments should be built once the impact of a positive force can be recognized after decades.

Name: david Hallerman
Date: July 8, 2026 10:51:51 am

Hell no!

Name: Amy Slavin
Date: July 8, 2026 10:52:18 am

The proposed 250-foot Triumphal Arch would dwarf the Lincoln Memorial, destroy one of the country's most iconic views, and disrupt the connection between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery that symbolizes the nation's reconciliation between North and South after the Civil War.

This arch would obstruct the view of Arlington National Cemetery from the Lincoln Memorial and vice versa. The sacred, final resting place for over 400,000 active-duty service members, veterans and their families should be protected, not overshadowed.

The Commemorative Works Act and part of Title 40 of the U.S. Code require Congressional authorization for any new memorial or monument on federal land in D.C. Our current administration believes it is above the law. I hope this commission will remind the public and our president that no one is.

Name: Karen Kast-McBride
Date: July 8, 2026 10:52:51 am

I am completely against Trump's monument to himself shadowing and blocking the view of Arlington National Cemetery. This is yet another misappropriation of taxpayer dollars and is not needed or WANTED by the majority of Americans. It will ruin yet another landmark in our country to appease one man, not for the betterment of our country.

If you approve this project you are going against the will of the people. The projects you approve should benefit the people of the United States, not the President alone.

You must vote against this project.

Name: Elizabeth Dailey
Date: July 8, 2026 10:54:54 am

Please do not pass and approve the building of an arch at the request of a president who has started unauthorized wars and is leaving our country's democracy fractured and hanging in the balance. It will marr the beautiful Washington mall and diminish the significance of the other important memorials and structures. Memorials should be preserved for those who have done great things and sacrificed greatly. This president has done neither.

Name: Holly Morris

Date: July 8, 2026 10:55:14 am

No arch. America doesn't need another monument. Especially not to promote a president that never served in the military while overshadowing the graves of our bravest soldiers. America is about lifting up the common man, not spending our treasure on monuments to look like old world Europe. An arch does nothing for the people of America.

Name: Allison Bean

Date: July 8, 2026 10:55:26 am

I disagree with this project moving forward based on purpose, placement, design, and cost, as well as the fact that it has no congressional approval. A project like this should go through all the proper channels and our tax dollars are desperately needed elsewhere.

Name: Kim Pereira

Date: July 8, 2026 10:55:38 am

Please do not proceed with the Monumental Arch that would ruin yet another area of America that has been the envy of tourists and citizens for decades. As an entrance to Arlington Cemetery it will also desecrate a place millions of Americans hold sacred. No functioning Democracy uses its public spaces for the self-aggrandizement of its leaders' vanity projects; it lets Time and History determine how and what to memorialize!

Name: Cecile Ravenscroft

Date: July 8, 2026 10:57:03 am

Dear Sir and Madam,

Please do not agree or endorse the hideous arch that is being proposed by the Trump administration! This eyesore would be an embarrassment to our Capital city and our country- and particularly to all our beloved veterans who SELFLESSLY fought and died for our country. This president hasn't a selfless bone in his body - and this arch is a narcissistic joke just like him.

Thank you and please, please, please, do the right thing. No arch!!

Respectfully,

Cecile Ravenscroft

Name: Elizabeth Sturdevant

Date: July 8, 2026 10:57:14 am

Dear reader,

Please listen to the historians (including Heather Cox Richardson) concerning the legacy of "triumphal arches" and why this one has no relevance in Washington, D.C., where I formerly lived, and have visited with my children as an important part of their civic education.

This arch is a vanity project of a man with no respect for veterans or the fallen. Even seeing the model is repugnant to me. The planning must stop, and that money and attention returned to the National Parks Service for its work to preserve, maintain, and protect the public spaces all can enjoy.

Elizabeth Sturdevant

Name: Lisa Lovell
Date: July 8, 2026 10:57:49 am

I'm writing to voice my opposition to building the Arch Monument. It is a grotesque plan proposed by an even more grotesque president. As I life-long Republican, I am appalled by the actions of this president & someone needs to tell him no.

I am one of those someone's & I pray that there are millions more like me who urge you to stop this project. Please do not deface our national space with this monstrosity.

Thank you.
Lisa Lovell
Helena, Montana

Name: BettyAnn Seabury
Date: July 8, 2026 10:58:25 am

PLEASE do not approve this arch which only serves to stroke the ego of our narcissistic president. It will spoil the view toward Arlington National Cemetery from the Lincoln Memorial and negate the intended message that the Civil War, at its conclusion, united the country back to a nation of north and south brought back together. That message to all Americans is too important to discard.

Name: Susan Elayer
Date: July 8, 2026 10:58:48 am

This will be an abomination blocking views of sacred ground. This money can be spent elsewhere to help the American people not one man's twisted ego. Monuments to presidents should be built according to the admiration of Americans wanting to honor the president, not one man's delusions of grandeur about himself.

Name: Becky Creech
Date: July 8, 2026 10:58:54 am

Absolutely NO to this arch, this money can be well spent otherwise.
Trump will be gone soon and needs no outrageous monument that will be demolished as soon as possible thereafter!

Name: Lisa Huff
Date: July 8, 2026 10:58:59 am

I am writing in opposition to the "monumental arch". As an ordinary citizen, the thought of something so exaggerated and grandiose is abhorrent. The Washington monument, the Lincoln Memorial, the Jefferson memorial all reflect a quiet reverence for the observer to take in. There is nothing quiet or reverent of this arch, with its gold trim and over exaggerated size. And finally, it's placement blocking the view to Arlington cemetery is unworthy of the sacrifice of those buried there. It must not be allowed!

Name: Mark Mills
Date: July 8, 2026 10:59:18 am

Dear committee members

The Triumphal Arch has no place on the National Mall. Hallowed figures and national heroes throughout history are memorialized and represented throughout the grounds.

For President Trump to build such a structure, which is conceived as being taller than the Lincoln Memorial, would be a stain on the heritage of our country and a denigration of the impact made by those who are memorialized.

In addition, should construction of this go forward, I have no doubt it would be done with the same careless and cheap methods used by the firm charged with the Reflecting Pool debacle, as well as whomever built the replica which sagged over the so-called "Great American State Fair". Mr. Trump has a notoriety for using sub-standard labor and materials with most of his projects, making this an even greater waste of taxpayer monies.

I respectfully ask the committee to let history take its course, and should subsequent generations deem such a structure is worthy, then so be it. The conception of such a structure at this time is not to honor or respect the heritage of this country, it is simply to satisfy the mercurial whims of a chief executive who has no respect for our history, and who only wants to erect monuments to his grandiloquence and ego. One needs only to witness the demolition of section of The White House.

Thank you

Name: Jennifer Watt

Date: July 8, 2026 11:00:10 am

The American Public does not need to spend taxpayer money on an Arch for Donald Trump. All of the other monuments in Washington are for people who are dead. It would forever overshadow the national mall which is so well designed. What is the reason to build the Arch? It's not a memorial. It's not something that people are going to visit like the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials or the Washington Monument. It serves no purpose other than for Trump to say that he built a big Arch in Virginia. It will look completely out of place and out of balance. He's already destroyed The White House (the People's House). The Reflecting Pool is a disaster. Taxpayer money is being spent on both of those projects. There are people in this country trying to figure out how they're going to pay their electric bill and feed their kids. Taxpayers don't want this.

Name: Karen Culton

Date: July 8, 2026 11:00:34 am

I saw the following on a FB post, and it is also my feeling about this project.

The following excerpt from Ronald Reagan's first inaugural address is a powerful and eloquent statement about why a gargantuan and gaudy arch at this sacred location would be an abomination.

"This is the first time in our history that this ceremony has been held, as you've been told, on this West Front of the Capitol. Standing here, one faces a magnificent vista, opening up on this city's special beauty and history. At the end of this open mall are those shrines to the giants on whose shoulders we stand.

Directly in front of me, the monument to a monumental man, George Washington, father of our country. A man of humility who came to greatness reluctantly. He led America out of revolutionary victory into infant nationhood. Off to one side, the stately memorial to Thomas Jefferson. The Declaration of Independence flames with his eloquence. And then, beyond the Reflecting Pool, the dignified columns of the Lincoln Memorial. Whoever would understand in his heart the meaning of America will find it in the life of Abraham Lincoln.

Beyond those monuments to heroism is the Potomac River, and on the far shore the sloping hills of Arlington National Cemetery, with its row upon row of simple white markers bearing crosses or Stars of David. They add up to only a tiny fraction of the price that has been paid for our freedom."

My second point of opposition is that a titanic gilded arch is totally incompatible with the other landmark buildings and monuments in the our nation's capital such as the Lincoln Memorial, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Washington Monument, Supreme Court, Capitol, and the White House (at least until the wanton demolitions and vulgar additions starting in 2025). The distinguished architects designed these structures in a stately, dignified, and traditional manner that reinforces that our nation is a republic and not a monarchy. The proposed design for the Monumental Arch with its brutalist architectural style and gaudy gold bling would instead blend in well with existing structures in the Kremlin and also has a considerable resemblance to the arch in Pyongyang.

Please protect the dignity and majesty of our nation's capital for future generations.

Name: Shannon Seay
Date: July 8, 2026 11:02:13 am

I have lived in Northern Virginia all my life and have had so much enjoyment visiting the Mall and DC with family and friends, on field trips or just a special trip into the city. Please, please, please do not build a Monumental Arch. It will distract from all the wonderful things about our city. We have limited resources and there have been years of repairs to the monuments we already have. This is a complete waste of taxpayer resources.

Please do not do it

Name: Michael Ertis
Date: July 8, 2026 11:02:17 am

Please say no the 'Trump' arch. It will be an eyesore and disrespectful to its surroundings. Thank you

Name: Katie York
Date: July 8, 2026 11:02:20 am

Do not build. This is a slap in the face for the many men and women that gave all for our country. Veterans do not want this and I stand with our Veterans!

Name: tami dairiki
Date: July 8, 2026 11:02:39 am

Hello-- There is no good reason to build this arch. The planned arch will overshadow the beautiful surroundings and gravesites. It's an unnecessary use of money and will be another eyesore that we will need to figure out how to deal with in the future.

Name: David Fisch
Date: July 8, 2026 11:03:34 am

I oppose the erection of a triumphal arch near Arlington National Cemetery. As a veteran I don't want it. It'll dwarf the landscape which is hallowed ground honoring my brothers and sisters who gave their lives for our country. I also think an arch that overshadows the Capital and Lincoln Memorial would scar the landscape.

Name: Patricia Nicholls
Date: July 8, 2026 11:05:25 am

My father was a combat veteran of WWII and Korea. He served in the USArmy for 25 years He us buried in Arlington National Cemetery.
The proposed arch is a grievous insult to those who served. It is in conflict with the original design intent. It is an abomination created by an egotistical autocrat for self agrandizement. The arch would represent a man who never served by choice and has repeatedly disrespected our military.
No arch.

Name: Lydia Henry
Date: July 8, 2026 11:06:34 am

Please do not build a monumental arch. It is not needed and the money needs to be spent restoring the beloved things that have been wrecked.

Name: Stephanie Newman
Date: July 8, 2026 11:06:56 am

Sirs:
This proposed project has not been through the normal channels and I oppose it. We do not need or want this project.

Name: SJ Brunner
Date: July 8, 2026 11:06:57 am

The citizens of this country are struggling to make ends meet and the last thing we need is a massive government vanity project. The memorials that we have in place are there to commend others for their value and sacrifice. This arch is simply another way that Trump intends to use taxpayer funds to stroke his vanity.

I urge you to deny this project.

Name: Elizabeth Brass
Date: July 8, 2026 11:07:50 am

DO NOT ALLOW THIS MALIGNANT NARCISSISTIC DRAFT-DODGING PRESIDENT TRUMP USE OUR TAX DOLLARS TO BUILD A TRIUMPHANT ARCH TO HIMSELF THAT WILL OVERSHADOW THE TRUE AMERICAN PATRIOTS WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE TO PRESERVE OUR FREEDOM AND OUR DEMOCRACY.

Name: Jean Middleton
Date: July 8, 2026 11:07:58 am

This monument is a disgrace to the nation for a number of reasons.
1-a monument to a sitting president. Never before done. Self-aggrandizing.
2-building this places it directly beside a national cemetery and obscures the view of the cemetery and somehow belittles those buried there.
3-it so hearkens to autocracy of former European kings and would-be kings.
4-plus, the renderings of the plan are hideous and tacky.

Name: Carol Sprang
Date: July 8, 2026 11:08:24 am

Please no Arch that will dominate the beautiful view in our Capitol and Arlington!

Name: Kevin Broni
Date: July 8, 2026 11:08:56 am

In 1942, an anti-aircraft gun positioned outside the Lincoln Memorial misfired, forever marring the facade. That was a relatively harmless accident, and no one was hurt.

But today, millions of "Americans" are rabid with Trump Derangement Syndrome, and take their orders from Aunt Tifa. Any memorial arch built by the 47th President will surely attract thousands of attempts to deface and destroy it -- look no

further than the Reflecting Pool, on the other side of the Memorial, to see how persistently the TDS whackos will work to undo his greatest achievements. The plans for the Arch are, accordingly, incomplete: they lack a defensive perimeter, anti-drone netting and point defense systems, and titanium cladding. The plans should be withdrawn and re-submitted with these measures in mind.

Name: Nancy O'Connor

Date: July 8, 2026 11:09:30 am

I highly object to the building of this arch!

Not only will it disrupt the deliberate, thought-out view and connection between Arlington National Cemetery (with Lee's home) and the Lincoln Memorial, it will be a gaudy eyesore - meant only to glorify (he thinks) Donald Trump.

Also, it will create hellish traffic and commuting nightmares and disruptions.

A key thing about American memorials is their more understated, humble designs - unlike some over-the-top monuments/memorials in other countries.

This arch is nothing of the sort and SHOULD NOT be built. And certainly not at the whim of one man, for self-glorification!

Name: Lisa Haddock

Date: July 8, 2026 11:10:42 am

No, we do not need an arch. It's too big, too tacky; it diminishes the surrounding monuments which are more important. It's purely an ego monument.

Name: Erin Maciejewski

Date: July 8, 2026 11:10:48 am

The Monumental Arch is not a bad idea, but the location is. It would be too large in relationship to the other monuments in the area, and would overshadow some to the detriment of the area. The height and scope of the project is excessive. It may impede bird migration. Please consider these comments.

Thank you for these time.

Name: Donna Murico

Date: July 8, 2026 11:10:50 am

I wish to add my voice to all those who believe this arch is a resoundingly bad idea. It is grotesquely oversized, garish and being rushed through for no good reason. It will loom oppressively over wonderful landmarks with great meaning to our history and honor to our soldiers. Please do not let this project proceed. Thank you.

Name: Alison Heydt

Date: July 8, 2026 11:11:36 am

Please reject this proposed arch. It is too large, has no approval from Congress, and is disrespectful to Arlington Cemetery in its proposed location. I have relatives buried at Arlington whose graves I hope someday to visit. I hope this arch is not obstructing the traffic and the views when I am finally able to achieve my longed-for visit. Please put the necessary funds that this silly project would require toward something useful instead.

Name: Virginia Jewiss
Date: July 8, 2026 11:12:37 am

I strongly oppose the building of Trump's monumental arch. The moving, meaningful conversation between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery would be rudely interrupted by such an arch, a monumental structure that intentionally evokes imperial brashness and speaks against the founding principles of the United States of America. I suggest that Trump and every member of his administration read Edward Gibbon's The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire.

Name: Karen Sauter
Date: July 8, 2026 11:12:38 am

I would like to register my opinion on the “arch.”

HELL NO

It’s a desecration of hallowed land. It must never be built. Ever.

Name: Kim Harms
Date: July 8, 2026 11:12:54 am

Please DO NOT approve this obvious vanity project. The view of the monuments and Arlington Cemetery should not be impeded by one man’s tribute to himself. At the end of his term President Trump can build his own library, like the rest of our former presidents. Our soldiers who valiantly gave their lives for our country deserve the beautiful cemetery intentionally designed to honor them. Thank you

Name: Kim Evans
Date: July 8, 2026 11:13:23 am

Building a triumphal arch is such a waste of money. All these types of projects are only taking away from important programs that actually serve the people, such as Healthcare. Please do not allow this hideous arch to be built.

Name: Gloria Downey
Date: July 8, 2026 11:14:28 am

I am a combat disabled veteran of the Iraq war. I feel that the placement of the Arch will overshadow the other monuments and parts of Arlington. While I appreciate the vision to build great things, I hope you will reconsider the location and instead place the Arch away from other monuments which honor the service of our nation's heroes. Thank you.

Name: JOYce Ochs
Date: July 8, 2026 11:15:09 am

It is not appropriate for a living person (President) to direct any physical project/building on government grounds.This must be initiated or approved by congress.
This particular president has been meddling with and altering government grounds for the last 16 months. This proposed arch must be stopped!

Name: Karen Summerville
Date: July 8, 2026 11:18:10 am

Funds are better spent on maintenance of current structures, protecting our national parks, or restoring damage done. I am disappointed a vanity project for the current administration is even being considered. Please stop this madness and waste!

Name: Leslie Hogue
Date: July 8, 2026 11:18:32 am

The proposed arch would be an abomination and has no place in that landscape. Please do not allow this desecration

Name: WHITNEY LUKENS
Date: July 8, 2026 11:18:54 am

I am opposed to the Monumental Arch. Not only is it disrespectful to those honored at Arlington National Cemetery, but symbolically historically triumphal arches are tributes to Emperors- which is the antithesis of democracy.

Name: Dennis Smith
Date: July 8, 2026 11:18:57 am

I am a retired Army Airborne First Sergeant and I have visited Washington DC many times, even temporarily living there. This arch is all wrong for the space and for the size and most importantly the blot on the landscape that will block the view from the Lincoln Memorial across the beautiful bridge and into the sacred grounds of Arlington Cemetery!

This is a monument to the huge ego of the person in the WH and a slap in the face to the members of our military buried in this place as well as to their families.

Veteran groups oppose this in multiple grounds and we all should heed their reasoning.

DO NOT allow this to be built!! Thank you.

Name: Laura Hennessy
Date: July 8, 2026 11:19:43 am

Please do not approve the building of a new monumental arch in Washington DC. Not only does it obscure the view of Arlington National cemetery but it also honors a current president.

Name: Kristine Carretta
Date: July 8, 2026 11:19:48 am

Please do not build this arch. The interred of Arlington cemetery deserve quiet dignity

Name: Sarah Hamilton
Date: July 8, 2026 11:21:24 am

I am against the monumental arch. It is being done for Vanity and does not represent America and what America is built on.

Name: Jacqueline Pereira

Date: July 8, 2026 11:21:32 am

The arch that President Trump is suggesting would be an eye sore on DC and serve no purpose to the community. That money would be better used to support programs for the people. NO ARCH!!

Name: Kevin Troy

Date: July 8, 2026 11:21:40 am

It is highly inappropriate to build a triumphal arch to honor President Trump. Presidents Washington, Taylor, Grant, and Eisenhower were never feted in such a monumental fashion; nor were generals Pershing or Schwarzkopf. President Trump has, quite recently, started a war with Iran without Congressional authorization and LOST it. He has triumphed over nothing but his bone spurs. Any such arch built at his direction would become a laughing stock before the first stone had been laid. The Commission must reject these plans and preserve the dignity of our capital, our military, and our nation.

Name: Elizabeth Harp

Date: July 8, 2026 11:22:54 am

This triumphal arch should not be built without going through all of the same construction considerations of placement, design, purpose, timing, monetary costs, future costs and final approval that any other building or monument would undergo. My personal belief is that we do not need this at this particular time in the life of our country. We are too divided and have many crucial needs that have to be addressed before something like this should be considered and approved.

Name: Alison Pell

Date: July 8, 2026 11:23:02 am

Regarding the "triumphal arch" that the current president wants to put in, No, just no. He has decimated and disturbed too many other things with his many projects and the arch is neither necessary nor a positive idea. He is merely trying to build a monument to himself. He thus far has not triumphs that WE THE PEOPLE think are work celebrating. If he wants to spend money, let's look at things that actually need refurbishing or that will provide a benefit to the US.

Name: Carolyn Morse

Date: July 8, 2026 11:25:07 am

Do not approve. This arch is unnecessary and a WASTE of our dollars. It has been FRAUDULENTLY appropriated from funds that were meant to be spent for other uses. This is n ABUSE of power by the President.

We don't need another monument. We need leadership to oppose this unnecessary vanity project.

Name: Julie Taylor

Date: July 8, 2026 11:25:08 am

Please do NOT approve this unnecessary vanity project. Focus money, time and energy on the upkeep of existing monuments, parks and buildings.

Name: Sharon Garlena
Date: July 8, 2026 11:25:14 am

NO to the UNNECESSARY REDICULOUS Triumphal Arch! This money must be used to support TAX PAYERS (i.e., Social Security, Healthcare, Environmental Protections from criminal polluting big corporations!

Name: Marguerite Hunsiker
Date: July 8, 2026 11:25:39 am

Re: NCPC file No. 8778
I urge the Commission to deny the preliminary site and building plans. The Commission's own staff recommendation finds the design inconsistent with the Height of Buildings Act, yet recommends approval anyway. And a dominant structure of this scale simply does not belong at the pivot of the Lincoln Memorial–Arlington ceremonial view — a problem that reducing the height does not fix. Please vote no, or at minimum defer until these legal and design questions are actually resolved rather than left for "later."

Building this arch is absolutely disrespectful to the fallen veterans and to the historic view of the Arlington National Cemetery. Congress should be responsible for choosing the location of this arch in another location.

To reiterate: please deny plans to build on this location.

Thank you.

Name: Julie Ramsett
Date: July 8, 2026 11:26:26 am

I am adamantly opposed to the construction of this arch!!!!!!

Name: Caroline Magazino
Date: July 8, 2026 11:26:30 am

Tell him to stay away from consecrated ground. He ran away these men gave their lives for us.

Name: Caryn Bromirski
Date: July 8, 2026 11:26:32 am

Our nation has higher priorities than spending huge sums on an arch that casts a shadow over those who sacrificed their lives for us to be free. Millions have already wasted on destroying the peoples' White House East Wing and peeling paint in the reflecting pool. All this when the peoples' health care has been slashed, and their fuel prices driven to their highest ranges for an unnecessary war. If it is National Park money, spend it on filling empty Ranger positions to serve the public who pay taxes for these special opportunities to enjoy the outdoors.

Name: JoNell How
Date: July 8, 2026 11:26:54 am

I object to the construction of the arch Donald Trump wants to build to honor himself. It will cause a cluttered feeling among thoughtfully placed monuments. As stated in reviews it will obscure sight lines to Arlington National Cemetery. Please preserve the beauty of this part of our Capitol buy denying permission to build the arch.

Name: Valorie Shoemaker
Date: July 8, 2026 11:26:56 am

For the love of our God. Do not allow this to happen. Whatever it takes.

Name: Donna Dussault-Walker
Date: July 8, 2026 11:27:03 am

Please do not allow this hideous structure to be built. It is unnecessary, too expensive and will forever change the esthetics of the area. This must not be allowed to happen!

Name: Erica Humphrey
Date: July 8, 2026 11:28:02 am

Monuments to political figures should be decided by the people, not by the current administration- especially not when it amounts to a sitting government honoring itself. This is a country of, by, and for the people, not of its leaders, who are meant to represent them, not memorialize themselves. I am in complete opposition to this arch.

Name: Richard Edwards
Date: July 8, 2026 11:29:01 am

Thank you for the opportunity to express an opinion concerning the proposed triumphal arch.

America has not erected such an arch in Washington DC in the past because it is a symbol of oppressive triumph over a people.

Roman Emperors built this sort of triumphal arch to celebrate their victories and subjugation of foreign peoples. Emperor Napoleon likewise built his Arch of Triumph to celebrate his imperial victories.

You may call it a “monumental arch” but the design and symbology is obviously meant to portray the same sort of triumphs.

It is not surprising that only in this time of “imperial presidency” is the current administration trying to celebrate the American Empire in true imperial fashion.

This is beneath the true dignity of the United States of America.

This project should be denied and abandoned. It is unworthy of our country. I say no to this project.

Name: Elaine Chestnutt
Date: July 8, 2026 11:29:44 am

No! A gigantic monument to a person who has done nothing good thats memorable. Let Israel build him an arch. Let Russia build him an arch. Let North Korea build him an arch. Let China build him an arch. The very idea of a trump arch makes me want to throw up. He has ZERO taste or class or intellect, so why on gods green earth would he deserve one? Besides if he has his way, the earth will never be green again. He is only stroking his ego and attempting, AGAIN to block out JFK by hiding his eternal flame just like he tried to take over the KENNEDY CENTER. Because he will never be half the man JFK was. He is not even half a man right now. So, NO to the stinking damn arch.

Name: Margie Tucker
Date: July 8, 2026 11:30:01 am

Please do not allow any structures to be built in the visual field between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery. It is a sacred reminder for America of the sacrifices, dedication and devotion of the generations before us. It is also a visual, peaceful respite from the busy city of Washington and its suburbs.

I say all of this before I also add that I personally find the building of a "triumphant arch" to celebrate our present chief executive abhorrent. He will not be honored by history, and anything with his name on it will quickly be removed as soon as he is gone.

Thank you for your service and for listening to me.

Name: Judy McLendon
Date: July 8, 2026 11:30:15 am

Absolutely a slap in the face to the military in every way. That includes those buried in Arlington National Cemetery, their families and any veteran of the military who served this nation. PLEASE DO NOT DISHONOR THEM!!

Name: Carol Schorr
Date: July 8, 2026 11:30:28 am

Do not sully hallowed grounds with idol worship. Our country is being dismantled and our monuments defaced at the behest of a vain and ego driven entity. Do not let the memory of those who gave the last full measure for us by such depravity. Let our soldiers REST IN PEACE!

Name: Candice Shy Hooper
Date: July 8, 2026 11:31:01 am

Both of my parents are buried in Arlington Cemetery, along with thousands of American heroes and their spouses. They are our monument to peace in this world. An arch does nothing to honor them or this country. Please do not approve this monstrous scar on the hallowed ground.

Name: Susan Stanley
Date: July 8, 2026 11:32:04 am

Until every veteran is housed in safe place, we don't need anything else built for any reason. Stop the madness and work on things that matter. Feed people, not egos.

Name: Miriam Young
Date: July 8, 2026 11:32:25 am

I do not think this arch should be approved. It will obstruct views of Arlington cemetery. The airspace in Washington is already crowded and difficult to navigate, with military and commercial aircraft sharing the space. Adding a tall arch will only increase that difficulty and will make flying into Reagan airport less safe that it already is.

Name: Jacqueline Nagy
Date: July 8, 2026 11:32:34 am

This new proposed monument is a disgusting use of taxpayer money, a selfish act at a time when many Americans are struggling. This money should be used within the national parks where the money is being diverted from. Quit destroying what we already have have!

Name: Pat Harms
Date: July 8, 2026 11:33:21 am

Absolutely no arch!?!

Name: Carlina Valenti
Date: July 8, 2026 11:34:00 am

We don't need a "Monumental Arch".
We don't want a "Monumental Arch".
We don't want to pay for another multi-million dollar vanity project for the mentally unhinged man who now occupies the Presidency.
This arch is too large (as per everything Trump does), too expensive (he uses MY tax money to fund all his personal projects) and destroys the historic visual corridor across the Potomac River: The Lincoln Memorial, the Arlington Memorial Bridge, Arlington National Cemetery and the Arlington House. All of these have purpose and majesty; this "Arch" is just an oversized, dumb, Trump lawn ornament to overshadow everything else and even hints of Nazism with its stupid gilded top figure.
Stop this destruction of our visual Capital by this fool who thinks that self-erecting monuments to himself makes him the equivalent of a modern-day Caesar!

Name: Laura Beckham
Date: July 8, 2026 11:34:13 am

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my vehement opposition to the proposed 250-foot-tall "Triumphal Arch" currently planned for Memorial Circle. While marking our nation's semiquincentennial is a worthy endeavor, introducing a structure of this scale, style, and visual volume directly compromises the historic and solemn axis connecting the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington National Cemetery.

Washington, D.C.'s civic architecture is defined by its restraint, democratic symbolism, and carefully calculated spatial relationships. The site chosen for this project is not merely an empty traffic roundabout; it is an exceptional cultural landscape. The axis between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House was intentionally designed to serve as a profound symbol of post-Civil War national healing and a bridge between preservation and sacrifice.

Placing a massive, 250-foot arch—dominated by multi-story gilded figures, eagles, and reflective elements—directly interrupts this sacred line of sight. By towering at more than twice the height of the Lincoln Memorial, this structure does not celebrate American history; it overshadows it. Triumphal arches are historically rooted in Roman imperial conquests and military processions. This vainglorious aesthetic runs completely counter to the solemnity owed to our fallen service members resting across the river, and clashes with the dignified, neoclassical humility of the National Mall.

We do not need to alter our historic skyline with gaudy gigantism to prove our national pride. I urge the reviewing commissions to reject this design concept and preserve the integrity, quiet dignity, and historic views of our nation's capital.

Sincerely,

Laura Beckham

Name: Judy Hodges
Date: July 8, 2026 11:34:39 am

Please do not allow this monstrosity to be built!! It is a total waste of money, does nothing to add to the aesthetics of Washington DC and is only being proposed to fuel the ego of one man. He has already destroyed the East Wing of the

White House, please don't allow him to destroy the skyline of historical DC.

Name: Megan Sieffert

Date: July 8, 2026 11:35:58 am

In a time when the government is re-evaluating priorities, spending unnecessary dollars on a fluff project is an absolute waste of money. I thought that this government was going to decrease the size of its bodies, not increase it. Building this arch just creates unnecessary overhead and expenses for items that are candidly offensive given the symbolic nature of the proposed arch and the impact on the surrounding community. Moreover, it dishonors our veterans by creating a mockery of the solemnity of the nearby memorials.

Name: Patricia A Eagle

Date: July 8, 2026 11:36:43 am

This disgusting Triumphal Arch should not be built ever!!!

Tired of Trump wrecking Washington DC with his disgusting buildings and gold and his name on everything possible!

This man is over the top with his ego and needs to be told "NO"! and enforce it!!

Name: Annelise Cummings

Date: July 8, 2026 11:36:45 am

I am writing to object to the new "Triumphal Arch" planned for the national mall. This huge arch is completely inconsistent with the monuments around it that have been there for decades. It will loom over Arlington Cemetery and dwarf the Lincoln Memorial (the arch will be twice as tall as the Lincoln Memorial). It will also obstruct the view from Arlington Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial. I urge you to reject this plan.

Name: Patricia Slaski

Date: July 8, 2026 11:36:50 am

Please don't allow this person to desecrate the memory of so many fallen heroes by blocking the view of Arlington National Cemetery with his monstrous self-aggrandizing arch!

Name: Mary Ann Celinder

Date: July 8, 2026 11:37:14 am

My husband and I totally object to the arch.
The country needs it like another hole in the head.
Trump has already desecrated DC with his projects
There are sooooo many other projects that money could go for to help the people.
This does nothing more than feed the ego of a failed man.

Name: Tonya Herron

Date: July 8, 2026 11:39:16 am

I do NOT support the New Monumental Arch project. The current view shed is a sacred reminder of the sacrifice of so many Americans. It should not be disrupted and overwhelmed by a huge Arch.

Name: Robert Clemence
Date: July 8, 2026 11:39:36 am

As a veteran and retired Army officer, I would like to register my objection to the proposed Triumphal Arch to be built on the Virginia end of Memorial Bridge. Such a structure spoils the visual connection between Arlington National Cemetery and our Nation's Capital.

Name: Geralyn Sawyer
Date: July 8, 2026 11:39:38 am

The proposed arch is obscene, gaudy, and will destroy the vista that was meant to be & planned out with great thought & purpose! Someone needs to have some guts to stand up & put a stop to the total destruction of the "PEOPLES'S HOUSE & grounds".

Name: Barb Forrest
Date: July 8, 2026 11:40:19 am

This proposed monument smacks of idolatry of greed and ego. It is not reflective of the values upon which this country was established and exists today. Stop this madness! A grandiose landmark has no place in this country. The proposed location is especially offensive to veterans. Again....STOP THIS MADNESS!

Name: Carla Glidewell
Date: July 8, 2026 11:40:21 am

There are so many reasons to not build this arch. The first one is visual. It will change the visions of every area from the Washington monument to the Lincoln Memorial Arlington please please please do not let him build this arch. Additionally, he has so many projects destroying Washington DC many of them need to be finished before something new is started. He continues to use taxpayer funds for his vanity projects. Please make him finish other projects. Also leave the golf course alone.

Name: Julie Gittings
Date: July 8, 2026 11:40:24 am

It's horrible and a desecration. Trump is trying to establish EMPIRE ! Horrid and not democratic.

Name: Thomas Berge
Date: July 8, 2026 11:40:54 am

Good Afternoon,

Undergrounding of the pedestrian and bike walkways from the west end of the Arlington Memorial Bridge and the new Monumental Arch will facilitate the smooth flow of vehicles and pedestrian traffic. A pedestrian and bike crossover from the Arlington Memorial Bridge north and south sides will be possible with an underground connection. The space underground to the Memorial Arch could be wide to accomodate pedestrians and bikes. Additional space could be used for informational displays. I would like to see both the east and west sides of the Memorial Arch serviced by underground walkways. Traffic lights and the stop and go traffic will detract from this special monumental place.

Thomas K. Berge

Name: Christopher Putnam
Date: July 8, 2026 11:41:01 am

I am opposed to the plans for a new arch in Trump's name or anyone else's.

The project is a disruption to the original plans of DC and would be blocking views that were designed for the memorial and the other tributes

Christopher Putnam

Name: Deb Holt
Date: July 8, 2026 11:41:18 am

I am strongly opposed to the trump arch. This would be a monument to a vile and evil man with no real regard for our veterans. It will mar the view of hallowed ground and the memory of what our nation and its heroes endured to build a free world.

Name: Laura White
Date: July 8, 2026 11:42:08 am

Please do not build this! This will just an ego trip. Do not allow this abomination to stand near our military's most sacred ground. This is not needed for ANY reason at all. This is disrespectful to our military families. It will detract from a place of honor.

Name: Marie Mahler
Date: July 8, 2026 11:42:33 am

This has absolutely no purpose other than to honor Donald Trump.
It's a waste of money and WW II veterans deserve better.
Please stop this from ruining the landscape of Washington DC.

Name: Gilbert Holland
Date: July 8, 2026 11:42:34 am

I strongly urge the National Capital Planning Commission to reject the New Monumental Arch project, at least until appropriate comments have been addressed. As a resident of the District of Columbia, I fear that the Arch would create serious traffic problems. I'm also troubled that the project has not received Congressional approval. The Arch would devastate the link between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. The review process is being rushed, and historic preservation and environmental reviews have not been considered. Public and veterans' organizations have not been involved in the consultations.

Name: Cathy Maloney
Date: July 8, 2026 11:42:54 am

Please do not construct the arch. It is not consistent with our democratic republic.

Name: Michael Terry
Date: July 8, 2026 11:43:07 am

We don't need this arch built. It would take away from all the historical monuments in Washington DC especially overshadowing Arlington National Cemetery. This is hallowed ground and deserves the respect of the thousands that gave their lives for this country. It shouldn't be hidden from view because of someone's ego.

Name: Robin Nash
Date: July 8, 2026 11:43:07 am

I am absolutely against this arch as it stands now. It seems like this would block the view from/to aArlington Cemetery, cause a traffic nightmare and cost far too much. Have any impact studies been done on this project or bids from qualified contractors?

Name: Maria Hrabinski
Date: July 8, 2026 11:44:10 am

The proposed construction is much too large for the site.
The proposed memorial has no theme, no purpose, and no feeling. No one can explain what it is for or why it is on this site.

Please do not make us go through an arch when we go to visit our loved ones in Arlington. This cemetery is hallowed ground for those who have served and protected our country. The arch would destroy the view between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery.

It also does not fit with the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument and the other monuments on the National Mall.

Above all, the proposal violates current law - anything build on this site must be authorized by the Congress.

Name: Wayne Nugent
Date: July 8, 2026 11:44:23 am

I am strongly opposed to construction of any additional projects or changes to existing structures on National Parks properties in Washington, D.C., at the proposal of the Trump Administration. Specifically today, I want to register opposition to the arch proposal coming up for consideration. This and any changes to the monuments or Capitol Mall area should not be approved nor allowed to proceed.

Name: Mindy Villines
Date: July 8, 2026 11:44:58 am

The national Mall does not need a triumphal arch. The monuments that already exist represent the best of America's past. A large structure that is only there because it is "monumental" would only detract from the purposeful architectural elements currently on the mall.

Name: Carol Gelbaum
Date: July 8, 2026 11:45:06 am

Please do not erect an arch in Washington DC. Wrong to build for a living president. Wrong to build for someone who just enriches himself at the people's expense. Wrong because it will overwhelm the views of the other nearby monuments.

Name: Elizabeth Moore
Date: July 8, 2026 11:45:37 am

This is a bit ridiculous and egotistical. I voted for him, but he doesn't need an arch. We should let history decide if he deserves such a monument.

Name: Mary Ellen Fisher
Date: July 8, 2026 11:46:10 am

Please no to this project. The National Cemetery in Arlington is sacred. It's hallowed ground must not be overshadowed by the proposed arch.

Name: Christine Winchester
Date: July 8, 2026 11:46:29 am

The proposed arch is the wrong place, wrong size, and a misguided project. Please do not proceed.

Name: David Parker
Date: July 8, 2026 11:46:46 am

Here is a copy of my testimony. I previously registered to speak at the NCPC Hearing on July 9, 2026.

[Attachment](#)

Name: Kathy Goe
Date: July 8, 2026 11:47:47 am

No, no and no, to this ridiculous arch trump wants to build! We are not Europe, we are the United States! He is not a person most of us want to think about or remember in any way in the future! He should be in jail not honored. He is a crook and unable to tell the truth about anything. He can't negotiate his way out of a paper bag!

Name: Lori Villarreal
Date: July 8, 2026 11:48:56 am

As a card-carrying, lifelong republican, I am completely against designing, acquiring, refurbishing or building any commemorative, celebratory, or historical markers or monuments. The state of our nation is financially and morally bankrupt. We do not have the money or time to spend on ego, affirming projects. Every ounce of White House, staff time, including and up to the president, should be spent finding an end to the Iran war, the sad state of our Social Security system, and a resolution to our exorbitant grocery and energy costs. Having anyone in government exert effort that is even remotely related to arches, monuments or statues is an egregious case of fraud, waste, and abuse. I am fully and completely against all of it. Please register my dissension as such. Thank you.

Name: Pat Anton
Date: July 8, 2026 11:49:51 am

Absolutely no way do we the people want this triumphal arch to overshadow the sacred grounds of Arlington National Cemetery. It is an unnecessary expense to the American taxpayer and it will be nothing but a complete eyesore at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery blocking the beauty and serenity of the cemetery.

Name: Bill Lamb

Date: July 8, 2026 11:50:38 am

Hello,

I write to very strenuously state opposition to the arch project. It would grossly disrupt the views presently available along the National Mall. Its height is incongruous with the other structures and would be an eyesore. It is not something being desired by the public. It is the ego driven desire of one person, which is not at all in keeping with the intent and grace of our National Mall.

Thank you.

Bill Lamb

Name: Ann Deuell

Date: July 8, 2026 11:50:55 am

Please respect those who gave their lives for our great country by NOT installing the Triumphal Arch. Please protect our existing parks and monuments as they are and have been for many years.

I appreciate your listening to me as your constituent.

Ann D
Palmyra Va

Name: Sharon Bortscheller

Date: July 8, 2026 11:51:30 am

NO Monumental Arch. A total waste of money that should be used Healthcare, helping our veterans, helping the needy. A total distraction that should NOT be built !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Name: Judith Peretto

Date: July 8, 2026 11:51:37 am

I am strongly not in favor of building the Arch.

Name: Deborah Lingo

Date: July 8, 2026 11:52:03 am

I vehemently object to the building of this arch to appease this sick man's inflated ego. STOP! The country and its population need more than a million other things more important than that waste of our hard earned dollars. Anyone voting for this should be ashamed of themselves, and history will remember them for their cowardice in refusing to stop Trump's waste and corruption.

Name: Noel Carroll
Date: July 8, 2026 11:52:42 am

This is an abomination and represents a tragic era in American politics and leadership. Under no circumstances should a president be allowed to desecrate the people's property with such a tasteless monument to his own egotistical desires.

Name: John Halstead
Date: July 8, 2026 11:53:23 am

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Name: Debbie Gunderson
Date: July 8, 2026 11:53:31 am

I am against the Trump Arch being built in Washington DC. I believe no sitting president should have a memorial built in there honor. Memorials are meant to honor the deceased. In addition the plans for the arch are gaudy and unattractive. It does not blend into the architecture of the city. Finally, I believe Arlington Cemetery should not have anything block or overshadow it. It is a place to honor all our brave men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice, their lives.

Name: Laurie Eckart
Date: July 8, 2026 11:54:10 am

We do not need an overwhelming arch in our Capitol that has not been considered by our Congress. The East Wing is an embarrassing example of what happens when there is no oversight to physical changes to the landscape of our government center.

Name: Jennifer Hein
Date: July 8, 2026 11:54:15 am

"I urge the National Park Commission to not approve the building of the Monumental Arch on Memorial Drive near Arlington National Cemetery. This is the approach my family took along with escorts and over 500 attendants to bring my friend to his final resting place in Arlington National Cemetery. It is our Nation's most hallowed ground where thousands of brave souls are laid to rest with a simple marble headstone. My heart skips a beat as I take a deep breath each time our car turns onto Memorial Drive to visit my friend's grave site there. A large Monumental Arch is out of place there, like an intruder on a sacred place a nation holds so close to its heart. I cannot express how much it means to so many Gold Star families that this place remains revered, kept out of the political fray, and only honor the men and women who so bravely served and laid down their lives for us all."

Name: Richard Heuwinkel
Date: July 8, 2026 11:54:21 am

I am a 56year resident of the District of Columbia. I am also veteran of the Vietnam War. I am also a retiree from Federal service having worked in 5 Federal Agencies.

I strongly object to the New Monumental Arch for several reasons.

First, the Monumental Arch is being planned and managed without the legally required approval of Congress. Second, it has not been vetted by veterans organizations or by public processes.

Third, the proposed project is an affront to the Arlington National Cemetery and the veterans who have been and will be interred there. The proposed size is completely out of scale with the buildings and monuments of our National Capital and especially with the Lincoln Memorial. It will cast a shadow over the Arlington Cemetery and across the river to the Lincoln Memorial.

Fourth and finally, it is redundant with the war memorials already constructed throughout the National's Capital.

Name: Robin Flynn
Date: July 8, 2026 11:54:32 am

I have attached a PDF containing my views against the construction of a monumental arch in Washington, D.C.
Thank you

[Attachment](#)

Name: Kathy Marceski
Date: July 8, 2026 11:54:59 am

This project is a disgrace thought up by a narcissistic person who wants to praise himself at the expense of every service member in this great country's history. It's like spitting on every one of those graves. Shame!

Name: Evan Klauda
Date: July 8, 2026 11:55:04 am

The Triumphal Arch is an abomination and yet another attempt for the current President to force his gaudy, tasteless, and self-gratifying wasteful projects on the American people while he still can. It's amazing how one person can do so much unnecessary lasting damage but here we are. Do not do it, it's just dumb.

Name: Laura Bearden
Date: July 8, 2026 11:56:17 am

I write in opposition to the construction of the triumphal arch. The proposed arch would be gaudy and fiscally unnecessary. I, and my family, appreciate Washington as it has existed traditionally without any addition or removal of structures. Let's focus on helping the average American rather than building monuments.

Name: John McCleskey
Date: July 8, 2026 11:58:27 am

Please REJECT this proposed monument to the current president HIMSELF. It obstructs the connection between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. It does not fit with the rest of the National Mall area, which has been damaged enough already.
Thank you for your consideration,
John McCleskey

Name: Joan Veach
Date: July 8, 2026 11:58:37 am

I am opposed to the proposed Monumental Arch for the following reasons:
* it will be out of proportion compared with the surrounding structures

- * it will detract from the surrounding historic buildings, grounds and Arlington cemetery
- * it will obstruct the sight line between the cemetery and the Lincoln memorial - a very powerful historic symbol
- * the cost -- it is a shameful way to spent that much money.

Name: Theresa Bourgeois
Date: July 8, 2026 11:59:40 am

I write in strong opposition to the Trump Administration's proposed "Triumphal" Arch.

It is disproportionally large, architecturally disruptive, and inconsistent with our values. The project lacks proper vetting by experts and by the American people who own the property and will bear the cost and losses if it is allowed to be built.

As they have proposed it, this structure will dwarf and therefore diminish the extraordinary beauty and solemnity of Lincoln Memorial.

This outsized structure will block the meaningful sightlines to the Arlington National Cemetery. It disrespects Gold Star families and the fallen soldiers they and our nation lost in service to our country.

If the Trump Administration was confident in their proposal for this arch, why didn't they follow the standard processes and procedures for review, consideration, and construction. This is not private property, this is the people's property, and I urge you to preserve the people's voice, and require this proposal to undergo full and proper reviews.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Name: DEBORAH HOLLOMAN
Date: July 8, 2026 11:59:50 am

PLEASE do not diminish the sanctity of Arlington National Cemetery by building this New Monumental Arch. It would be dishonorable to the thousands resting at Arlington. No one wants this arch.

Name: Liz Mullins
Date: July 8, 2026 12:00:06 pm

The proposed construction is too large for the site. The proposed memorial has no theme, no purpose, and no feeling. No one can explain what it is for or why it is on this site. The money for this could be better used in other national parks projects. Why is this proposed arch so large that it would overshadow the iconic Lincoln monument?.

Only one person thinks it looks good there and demands it be built at an arbitrary height. Above all, the proposal violates current law - anything build on this site must be authorized by the Congress.

Name: Kristine Larison
Date: July 8, 2026 12:00:08 pm

I am an art historian, trained to appreciate and interpret the rich architectural and iconographic symbolism of cultural monuments like the proposed triumphal arch. I have also taught the significance of these monuments in many art history surveys. Such structures can be rich in historical meaning and anchor the celebration of important persons and events for posterity. The Arch of Constantine in Rome is one such example. The proposed monumental arch in Washington, DC, is not. I believe such a project requires greater planning and public consent before being placed on our National Mall.
Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Kimberly Osborn
Date: July 8, 2026 12:00:32 pm

I am against the arch. I concerned about flight safety and how it will disrupt the peaceful bridge to the cemetery.

Name: Kasandra Magliulo

Date: July 8, 2026 12:00:36 pm

The proposal to construct a 250-foot-tall triumphal arch at Memorial Circle represents an unprecedented disruption to the historic and symbolic landscape of our nation's capital. The proposed site sits directly on the intentional, strategic axis connecting the Lincoln Memorial, the Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House which is a corridor specifically designed to symbolize national healing and reunification. Placing a massive, vertically dominant structure here severs that visual connection and fundamentally alters the solemn, quiet approach to Arlington National Cemetery.

Furthermore, the effort to bypass standard legislative and public checks establishes a troubling precedent for federal land management. Proponents rely on an expired 1925 authorization for columns to claim congressional approval is unnecessary, while simultaneously fast-tracking environmental and historic preservation reviews. This aggressive circumvention shuts out genuine public scrutiny and expert consensus for a fundamentally different, unapproved architectural concept.

Washington, D.C. is a living city, but development must respect our shared heritage. This project consumes immense resources and challenges the spirit of the capital's low, open skyline with a design modeled after imperial European arches rather than American democratic principles. The project should be halted, and any monument honoring the nation's 250th anniversary must undergo full congressional oversight and be relocated to an alternative site.

Name: Pamela Schuckman

Date: July 8, 2026 12:00:38 pm

To Whom it May Concern:

This arch does not belong in the area of Arlington Cemetery. Please keep this area - the cemetery and the grounds around it, including the visual field across the bridge to monuments of true great leaders-- an area of quiet dignity.

Thank you,

Pamela Schuckman

From: Kurt Stege

Sent: Monday, July 6, 2026 2:47 PM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] Comment submitted on June 25 that I cannot find in File 8778, Item 12, "Public Comments 1" 1

My records show that on June 25, 2026, I submitted five paragraphs of written comment regarding the "New Monumental Arch" proposal. Upon reviewing "Public Comments 1" which is item 12 in the file, my comment does not appear.

Here is the content of my comment:

The "New Monumental Arch" or "Triumphal Arch" would be a financial and aesthetic disaster for everyone in the United States, whether or not the person is living in the Washington, D.C. area. Other negative consequences to the historic fabric of Washington are too numerous to list.

Its unprecedented height and scale would disrupt the presence of the Lincoln Memorial, the solemn character of Arlington National Cemetery, and the effort to represent some post-Civil War reconciliation between the states fighting that war.

I have briefly review[ed] the "Combined Section 106 Comment Letters," which is entitled "Triumphal Arch Public Comment Summary Report." The supposed combination of the 100,936 comment letters into a summary report is worthless because that report fails to tabulate the letters into a useful format. While the Summary Report divides the larger topic into numerous subtopics, it only identifies the volume of responses by referring to "some commenters" or "one commenter." The reliance on artificial intelligence to prepare such a limited report generated AI "slop." Nevertheless, nearly all of the adverse comments referenced in the summary have no corresponding favorable comments. For example, there were apparently no comments suggesting the arch would either aid aviation safety or have a neutral effect on aviation safety, despite numerous comments indicating safety would be impaired. (Report, page 10.)

That interpretation suggests that approval of the "Triumphal/Monumental Arch" would undermine aviation safety, a consequence that should bear heavily on the conscience of every member of the National Capital Planning Commission.

I also note that the Commemorative Works Act (40 U.S.C. Sec. 8903) requires authorization from Congress.

The absence of my comments in the "Public Comments 1" document leads me to question the transparency of the process used by the NCPC. My brief review of the "NCPC Staff Report," which identifies a variety of issues with the proposal yet appears to suggest the Commission should go ahead and approve the proposal, is also indicative of a lack of transparency. Finally, the Staff Report appears to gloss over these problems. The Presidential appointments to the NCPC and the President's reliance on "loyalty" rather than fairness both indicate the entire review process is heavily weighted towards granting every whim of the President.

Thank you for truly considering the many public comments regarding this matter.

Kurt Stege

Madison, WI 53704

From: Mary K Burns

Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2026 3:24 PM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] Public Comment: File No. 8778 – New Monumental Arch (Memorial Circle, Columbia Island)

To the Commissioners of the National Capital Planning Commission:

I am writing to express my formal opposition to the proposed 250-foot Triumphal Arch at Memorial Circle. While the 250th anniversary of the United States deserves a permanent, meaningful monument, the current design is fundamentally un-American and structurally incompatible with our nation's capital.

I urge the Commission to reject this proposal based on the following points:

1. **Inappropriate Imperial Iconography:** The triumphal arch is an ancient Roman tradition rooted in military conquest and imperial domination. This European architectural form stands in direct conflict with American democratic ideals. Our nation's civic architecture should reflect a government of, by, and for the people, not grand imperial gateways.
2. **Gaudy and Un-American Aesthetics:** The heavy use of gold detailing and the addition of an unprecedented "winged" Statue of Liberty feel garish, tacky, and out of touch with the solemn dignity of the National Mall. True American monuments rely on the timeless strength of local materials, not gilded, old-world mythological imagery that distorts our most sacred symbols of freedom.
3. **Severe Disruption of Sacred Sightlines:** A massive vertical structure at this location shatters the historic, open transition between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery.

A Democratic, American Alternative:

Instead of forcing an imposing, Eurocentric arch onto a high-speed traffic roundabout, the Commission should favor a low-profile, horizontal, living landscape built with authentic American materials. A superior concept would feature:

- **Native American Limestone and Granite:** Replacing the gaudy gold leaf with a central plaza and a low-profile reflecting pool crafted entirely from local American stone.
- **Concentric State Tree Groupings:** A continuous canopy of 50 distinct trees—one native to each U.S. state—grouped into five interconnected micro-climate zones (such as Northeast conifers, Midwest oaks, and Southern magnolias) to represent the literal unity of our country's landscape.
- **Historical Timeline Plaques:** Low-profile bronze plaques embedded at the base of each tree, detailing the state's name, entry date, and local constitutional passages on liberty.
- **Four Civic Podiums:** Granite podiums placed at the four cardinal directions containing the text of non-military speeches that defined American freedom: Washington's Newport Letter, Jefferson's Declaration draft, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and King's "I Have a Dream" speech.
- **Our Core Motto Inscribed:** A stone border encircling the central pool cleanly etched with the universal concept that binds our diverse nation together: "E Pluribus Unum" (Out of Many, One).

This landscape-first approach respects D.C.'s strict height limits, preserves historic sightlines, handles traffic safety, and offers a genuinely democratic space that reflects the true unity of the American spirit.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and dedication to protecting our capital's historic landscape. Respectfully submitted,

Mary K. Burns

Las Vegas, NV 89120

From: Carole Mccann

Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2026 10:12 PM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] Re: Final Agenda for NCPC's July 9, 2026 Meeting

NO MONUMENTAL ARCH

NO BALLROOM

NO TRUMP

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Bachelor

Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2026 10:46 PM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] No to Trump's Proposed Arch

National Planning Commission,

I do not want an arch added to the Washington DC area.

I'm asking you to not approve the construction of trump's arch regardless of any proposed location.

Regards,

Bob Bachelor

Valparaiso, FL 32580

Sent: Friday, July 3, 2026 3:35 PM

To: Main Attendant Voice Mail <mainattendantvm@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] Shared Voicemail (Commission Call Queue)

i'm not sure i have the appropriate extension but please forward my message i am a veteran kim turner i'm calling about trump's towering arch the trump arch that is going to go right across from arlington national cemetery we do not need another trump arcade that will cut i'm sorry i'm so upset about this our veterans deserve to rest in peace it is a solemn and somber view we don't need trump commercializing it thank you very much

-----Original Message-----

From: Debbie Berry

Sent: Monday, July 6, 2026 7:44 PM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] DC arch

I am writing to express my opposition to the arch that President Trump has proposed to build in DC. With the many issues facing our nation and with citizens struggling with cost of living and lack of healthcare, surely the administration's time and the tax payers' money would be better spent elsewhere

Deborah Berry

Foscoe, NC

From: Michael Kohn

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2026 11:05 AM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] Arc Comments

Should NOT be built at all. Golden angel is particularly tacky. Rather than strutting concerning non-real military victories, the US should be using the money to help our neighboring countries and those struggling within our borders.

Michael Kohn, Architect

-----Original Message-----

From: NCPC System <info@ncpc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2026 11:50 PM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: NCPC Website Email

From: Jessica Smith

I am against the building of the triumphal arch because of what it stands for and for the position as well as the wasteful cost.

1. Arches are associated with authoritarianism: Triumphal arches have historically celebrated military victories, emperors, or powerful rulers. We already have a lady liberty in the Statue of Liberty. What is the point of this?
2. Public spending: the cost would be better spent on infrastructure, education, public safety, or other community needs. We don't need to spend money on an arch when we have hard working citizens who can't afford groceries or medical bills.
3. Political division: Any monument suggested or supported by Donald Trump is likely to be deeply polarizing as his projects normally have a self-serving intent at taxpayer expense.
4. Historical precedent: monuments like this should display historical achievements or figures whose legacy has stood the test of time, rather than honoring contemporary political leaders.
5. Aesthetic or planning concerns: it will overshadow the national mall which should be open for all. The arch would be unavoidable and triggering to those who want to reflect on our nations symbols that are already there. It's not needed - please vote no for this project.

Thank you,

Jessica Smith

From: rhon71

Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 9:26 AM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] Trump Arch

President Trump's vanity projects are a travesty to the National Mall and the use of taxpayer's money. I agree with the veteran's viewpoint of how it would obstruct view of a very sacred ground, Arlington Cemetery.

Please don't approve this project!!!

-----Original Message-----

From: June Engblom <

Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 9:45 AM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] Triumphal Arch

Please stop the arch. This draft dodging President doesn't deserve to be honored. He has wasted so much taxpayer money and ruined our reputation worldwide.

From: Deb Bergmann

Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 11:40 AM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] NCPC File Number: 8778 Triumphal Arch Written Comment

NCPC File Number: 8778 Triumphal Arch Written Comment

To the National Capital Planning Commission,

I respectfully urge the Commission to deny approval of the proposed Triumphal Arch (also referred to as the Independence Arch) near the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery.

The proposed structure is incompatible with both the solemn purpose of Arlington National Cemetery and the carefully planned civic architecture of Washington, D.C. It would place an enormous, gold-accented ceremonial monument at the threshold of our nation's most sacred military cemetery, diminishing the quiet dignity owed to those interred there and to the families who come to mourn. Arlington should remain a place of reflection and remembrance, not become a destination dominated by a monumental tourist attraction.

The proposed 250-foot, approximately 25-story structure would dramatically alter the historic vista between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. Its immense scale and gilded statuary are inconsistent with the restrained, neoclassical character that has long defined the monumental core of the nation's capital. In my view, the design is inappropriate for such a place of honor and reverence.

I am also concerned that the proposal raises significant legal and procedural questions. The Commemorative Works Act requires explicit congressional approval for building monuments on federal parkland. Federal funds to build the arch have not been authorized by congressional appropriation. The project has bypassed standard environmental and historic preservation evaluations, including Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Finally, I believe that committing public resources to such a massive ceremonial structure is fiscally irresponsible at a time of growing federal deficits and competing national priorities.

For these reasons, I request that the National Capital Planning Commission reject this proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Bergmann
Sunbury, Ohio

From: Tamaris Dolton

Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 11:56 AM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] Trump's Arch

We want to stand with all others who OBJECT to the building of an Arch anywhere in the United States to honor Donald Trump.

The size and placement will lessen the other monuments in the city. If it must be , then it deeds to be of a size and scale in keeping with other monuments . BEST if it is NEVER built.

Iliff and Tamaris Dolton



July 8, 2026

Mr. William Scharf, Chairman
National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street, NW
Suite 500N
Washington DC 20004

Dear Commission Chairman Scharf and Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Triumphal Arch that would be built at the western terminus of Memorial Bridge. The Cultural Landscape Foundation (TCLF), a national, Washington, D.C.-based education and advocacy organization, first reiterates its comments of May 28, 2026, stating that at 250-feet-tall, the arch would be a significant addition to the Monumental Core, which stretches from the [U.S. Capitol Grounds](#) to [Arlington National Cemetery](#), and includes the [White House Grounds](#) and the [National Mall](#). Memorial Bridge physically and symbolically links the north and south to heal the division of the Civil War. And this connection is reinforced via an unimpeded view from Arlington House, the onetime home of Confederate General Robert E. Lee, to the Lincoln Memorial. The arch would interrupt and sever these key visual and spatial relationships that are integral to the Monumental Core's design intent and its inherent symbolism, and which have been stewarded by NCPC for more than a century.

TCLF requests that National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) defer any decisions on "Preliminary Site and Building Plans" until after the conclusion of a full review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the completion of which is a prerequisite for NCPC final approval. The Section 106 process, which could affect the site selection and design of the arch, should have preceded presentation of the project to NCPC and the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts (CFA). Unfortunately, the latter has already voted to give the project final design approval despite not having seen or reviewed final designs. TCLF requests NCPC not take a similarly precipitous and procedurally dubious step at this preliminary stage.

TCLF is fully in agreement with David Maloney, the District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Officer (DC SHPO), [who wrote in a letter](#) to the National Park Service (NPS) on June 26, 2026, that the proposal would "severely damage an exceptional cultural landscape and one of the most important symbolic places in the nation." That letter, submitted as part to the project's Section 106 review, also stated: "The unprecedented nature of this proposal and the extraordinary level of public interest clearly require full consideration of alternatives that could avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects. The potential for such effects on National Historic Landmarks elevates the requirement for planning to minimize harm. Exclusion of alternatives that may involve site relocation or diminution of the structure is not consistent with these requirements."

Since the documented adverse effects cannot be appropriately avoided, minimized or mitigated in the current location, the project should be rejected. The DC SHPO notes there are other locations in Washington, D.C. for such a project, which could be brought before NCPC for review.

Lastly, TCLF goes back the comments of landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. whose work of many decades as a member of the McMillan Commission of 1901, the CFA, and two predecessor iterations of NCPC, created a unified spatial composition on the National Mall from a sequence of

disconnected landscapes. In 1916, Olmsted said that the arch shaped centrally located ornamental towers of a proposed Memorial Bridge design should be eliminated. The design pre-dated the McMillan Plan of 1902 and the idea of a Lincoln Memorial and that “not to eliminate them would be like a slap in the face to the Lincoln Memorial and to the [McMillan] plan of which it forms a part.”

Feel free to contact me with any questions and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' followed by a smaller 'A' and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles A. Birnbaum, FASLA, FAAR
Founding President & CEO

Washington's monuments, landscapes, and public buildings are our shared national heritage - not a president's personal canvas. You have a duty to protect the dignity of the capital. Prevent unnecessary alterations that compromise the historic character or aesthetic integrity of our capital.

Signed - A Concerned Voter

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Thank you.
J. A. Hill

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Carolyn

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Dear chair,
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public buildings are our shared national
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canvas.

You have a duty to protect the dignity of the
capital. PLEASE prevent unnecessary
alterations that compromise the historic
character of aesthetic integrity of our
capital.

I concerned mother

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PILLAGING!

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Emily

Chair, Nat'l Capital
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Dear Chair - The National Planning Commission
has a duty to protect changes to Washington's
monuments, landscapes, and public buildings. These
~~are~~ are our shared national heritage - not to be
used for a president's personal vanity. There is a
duty to protect the dignity and integrity of the
Capitol.

Please prevent these unnecessary alterations that
compromise the aesthetic integrity of our Capitol.
We are not a country that exalts our leaders -
our leaders serve the country, not themselves.

Please protect what you can - Thank you