

Public Comments for New Monumental Arch

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May 29, 2026 12:05 pm

Name: Ann Trowbridge
Date: May 15, 2026 12:44:18 pm

The proposed arch is an ugly, garish design. It is too tall, a waste of current and future taxpayers' money and will permanently scar the federal landscape of both Arlington and Washington. If allowed to be built by this commission, my hope is it would be immediately removed by the next administration. As we know, Trump's new rule says a president can demolish what he wants of federal buildings and landscape without Congressional approval or commission review.

Name: Fran Bowman
Date: May 15, 2026 1:21:05 pm

I oppose the construction of any type of "monumental arch". This design is ugly, it is grandiose, it is unoriginal, and it just gets in the way. What is it a monument of, other than the failed Trump presidency? The survival of our republic for 250 years is enough of a monument for me.

Name: Jane Allison
Date: May 15, 2026 1:57:09 pm

Please don't build this monstrous vanity project to please Trump. No one wants it or his billion dollar ballroom. He is destroying the beautiful city of Washington, DC with monuments to himself. The people used to have a say in this. Trump doesn't get to spend taxpayer money and junk up the city any way he wants.

Name: Maryanne Berry
Date: May 15, 2026 3:22:09 pm

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my total opposition to this ill-conceived and garish arch. When Veterans groups, historians, architects and other with actual artistic expertise tell you it is a huge mistake, please listen. It is reminiscent of regimes that are the complete opposite of The United States and its values. NO to the arch.

Name: Jeff Eorio
Date: May 15, 2026 3:34:05 pm

This preposterous arch needs Congressional approval and funding prior to any approvals by this Commission!
This is another example of authoritarianism by this corrupt administration!
There is no funding allocated and the Congress has not reviewed or considered this monstrosity! It will devastate the views from Arlington to the Lincoln Memorial.
For the sake of the country and the Constitution, please stop this madness!

Name: Natasha Seaman
Date: May 15, 2026 4:38:32 pm

This arch is way too big for its location. It does nothing for the National Mall, and it obstructs the view of the Mall from Arlington Cemetery. Triumphal arches are not meant to be so monumental in scale. As a symbol, it does not have significance in our country, especially for the younger generation. This is a huge waste of money and only serves one man's ego.

Name: Christopher Wilson
Date: May 15, 2026 4:42:19 pm

Dear NCPC,

I am writing to object to the grandiose scale of the proposed "New Monumental Arch".

Whist I agree that it is a good idea to create a monument that celebrates the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, I do NOT agree that its proposed 250-foot height (including top sculpture) is appropriate. Even without the sculpture, the arch's proposed 166 feet would be equally inappropriate, dwarfing the 99-foot Lincoln Memorial next door.

Please do not approve this outlandish proposal.

Thanking you for your time,

Dr. Christopher S. Wilson
Architecture and Design Historian
Ringling College of Art + Design
Sarasota, Florida, USA
[REDACTED]

Name: Katharine Wells
Date: May 15, 2026 6:21:07 pm

Dear NCPC,

I write to express my deepest objection to the "New Monumental Arch" (aka, the Arc de Trump), which is entirely out of character with our nation's historical tradition of monument building.

It is galling that this arch is such a blatant monument to President Trump, rather than to the 250th anniversary of the nation as a whole as Trump sometimes claims. Indeed, he has frankly admitted that the arch is a monument to himself, as when we was asked whom it was for, he said "me." It is unprecedented for a sitting president to initiate a monument to himself. Trump should wait for his legacy to be determined in the fullness of time, and if the citizens of this country wish to create a monument to him after a suitable length of time has elapsed since his presidency, then they will do so. But beginning this controversial monument now will only create future embarrassment and expense, as there will be many calls

to halt or reverse its construction, or to demolish it if it is completed.

I grew up in Washington, DC, and I have driven through the proposed site for the arch countless times. I have no objection to a monument being built there, nor do I object to the blocking of sight lines between the Lincoln Memorial and the Robert E. Lee Memorial (since I do not feel General Lee warrants a memorial that is visible from the National Mall). But I do strongly object to using the semiquincentennial as a pretext for memorializing a sitting president. Doing so is a betrayal of our nation's great historical traditions of democratic commemoration.

I ask that you do not allow this project to go ahead as proposed.

Thanking you for your time,

K. L. H. Wells
Associate Professor
Department of Art History
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Name: Sue Leonard
Date: May 16, 2026 8:47:04 am

Just because other countries have arches, does not mean we need or want one. We definitely do not need one of the size the president wants. It's gaudy, it's too large, its location is sketchy for something of that weight and will obstruct views that carry meaning for many of us. The fact that he wants it to be taller than the Lincoln Memorial is beyond offensive. To quote Nancy Reagan, just say no. I'm tired of sycophants yielding to the whims of an insecure autocrat who's already lining his pockets with taxpayer dollars.

Name: Cristelle Baskins
Date: May 16, 2026 3:18:00 pm

The proposed "Monumental Arch" is a monumental waste of taxpayer money. This kind of egotistical display is reminiscent of Mussolini, Kim Jong Il, or Saddam Hussein. Like everything else Trump designs, it will be tacky, out of scale, and an unnecessary addition to the Washington DC landscape. He's already destroyed the Rose Garden, the East Wing of the White House (without clearing it through Historic Preservation or Planning), painted the reflecting pool an artificial blue, and added his name to public buildings where it doesn't belong. This is the WASTE, FRAUD, and CORRUPTION that Trump claims to see everywhere except in his own out-of-control spending.

But of course, this committee was hand-picked to rubber stamp all of this nonsense. It will be up to the next administration to tear it all down and return some dignity to our capital. That day cannot come soon enough.

Name: Sharon Logan
Date: May 16, 2026 8:03:10 pm

Inappropriate. Unnecessary. Narcissistic. Costly. Disrespectful to the vets buried at Arlington.

Name: LYNN MCSORLEY
Date: May 18, 2026 12:55:22 pm

I do not want President Trump's arch to be built anywhere in Washington D. C. He wants to put the arch at the entrance to Arlington Cemetery. This is an abomination and would desecrate the view as people enter the cemetery. He was quoted as saying it would honor himself. "But when Trump was asked by Ed O'Keefe of CBS News who the monument was meant to honor, he replied: "Me," according to a video of the exchange shared on social media." Stop the President from any desecration of OUR capital.

Name: Laura McBride
Date: May 19, 2026 5:05:47 pm

Please please please no arch. It's gigantic, expensive, stupid looking, and completely out of character for Washington, DC. It will also ruin the site line between Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery, a view that is supposed to represent the national unity that came after the Civil War. I'm aware national unity is at a low point, but that is not something that deserves a triumphal arch. Also it would add more chaos to an already overwhelmingly busy traffic area and create a hazard for pedestrians trying to reach it.

Also, I am writing to protest the proposal to replace the tragically destroyed East Wing of the White House with an enormous ballroom. The recent demolition was carried out without proper consent or comprehensive planning, demonstrating a blatant disregard for both process and the historic significance of the structure. Replacing it with a disproportionately massive ballroom would disrupt the architectural harmony of the White House and create a huge eyesore.

I strongly urge the Commission to reject any proposal for an arch and to require that any construction plans be carefully reviewed and fully approved through the appropriate channels before any work continues on the East Wing of the White House. Preservation of the White House as the people's house must take precedence over the desired grandeur or spectacle of it's current occupant. We cannot allow the dignity of this nation to be compromised by expensive, enormous, ill-considered, tacky, monuments that are only one man's attempt to aggrandize himself.

Name: Penny Keiter
Date: May 20, 2026 10:51:38 am

Stop, stop, stop this neofascist exploitation of our nation's capitol and country. Little-minded, self-serving, morally-underdeveloped tyrants are reflecting the worst of our citizenry and politics. Their is NOTHING to be gained from allowing this hideous and rapacious behavior from. . . "what the French call 'Les Incomitants'". Reprehensible and almost incomprehensible. God help us and please guide and protect us from these irreverant plunderers!

Name: James Smailes
Date: May 20, 2026 12:03:47 pm

Comments on Triumphal Arch
Comments may have been submitted previously on the inappropriateness of the size and scale of the proposed Triumphal Arch, but my comments concern the increased danger to traffic that will result from its construction. As a Professional Transportation Engineer (P.E.), I am very concerned about the obstructed vision for drivers that will result from construction of the Arch. It will create two massive walls approximately 186 feet wide by 110 feet deep, and very high, blocking drivers' vision as they approach the circle. One will be able to see through the Arch at times, but much of the drivers' vision will be restricted, which is the worst thing to do in a Round About. The approaching roads are confusing and require careful merging to enter the circle safely.

Just how the massive walls will hinder drivers' vision can be seen in presentation Slides 7, 8, and 15. Memorial Circle is approximately 300 feet in diameter, but the width of the arch is more than half the diameter of the circle. The restricted vision will lead to slower traffic, more congestion, and potentially more accidents as traffic volumes increase.

To summarize, the arch is far too big for the space, will obstruct view sheds as shown in the other presentation slides, and could lead to increased congestion, pollution, and more accidents.

Thank you for considering this,

James A. Smailes, P.E.

Name: Meg Cowan

Date: May 20, 2026 12:44:05 pm

I strongly oppose NCPC File No. 8778, the proposed New Monumental Arch on Memorial Avenue in Washington, DC.

This proposal should be rejected outright. It is unnecessary, grotesquely self-serving, and completely inappropriate for one of the most solemn and historically significant landscapes in the United States. Memorial Avenue, Arlington Memorial Bridge, the Lincoln Memorial, and the approach to Arlington National Cemetery already carry deep national meaning.

This proposed arch is a disgusting self-aggrandizement to Donald Trump, a president who deserves no monument, no shrine, and no taxpayer-supported tribute to stoke his ego. Public land in Washington, DC belongs to the American people. It should never be used to glorify one man, especially in a location so closely tied to sacrifice, service, mourning, and national memory.

Placing a vanity arch in this setting would be a slap in the face to all Americans, especially the service members buried at Arlington National Cemetery and the families who go there to honor them. That landscape deserves dignity, restraint, and reverence. It should not be turned into a stage set for Trump's ego.

The historic spaces in Washington, DC belong to the nation. This proposal cheapens the setting, overwhelms the existing landscape, and turns a solemn public place into a political trophy.

I urge the Commission to reject this concept and protect the integrity of Memorial Avenue, Arlington Memorial Bridge, Arlington National Cemetery, and the surrounding monumental core.

Name: Larry Dorsch

Date: May 20, 2026 7:19:55 pm

No,no,no: what monstrous erection to overwhelm everything else. Please stop this abysmal Trumpian monument,

Name: Coalition to Protect America's National Parks

Date: May 21, 2026 11:06:40 am

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

[Attachment](#)

Name: Judy Kiley

Date: May 21, 2026 1:03:32 pm

Enough already.

My father's first job out of graduate school was with NCPC. He worked on projects to beautify and enhance Washington, DC, the redevelopment of Pennsylvania Avenue, the beautification of parks, the revitalization of the SW Waterfront -- he didn't built unneeded, ugly, out of scale monuments that worship only one man's ego.

So please, just say no to the arch.

1. It is too big. It will not only block the view towards Arlington, it will block the view towards the Lincoln Memorial. These views matter.
2. It is too high. It is on the flight path and is an obstruction.
3. It is too dangerous. That circle is already a mess with tourists and visitors not being able to merge and circle and now a huge obstruction there -- what a good idea. Not.

Seriously, this is a waste of money. It is not beautiful. It is not respectful. And it has no relationship to an approved plan submitted over 100 years ago, before the traffic, before the airport, before the relentless peeing on Washington, DC that this Administration feels the need to do.

My family came to DC in 1900. They worked to make the city better -- unlike this Administration and his loyal subjects who are working tirelessly to turn the nation's capital into an altar of worship to a sexual abuser and convicted felon.

Enough.

Name: The Coalition to Protect America's National Park

Date: May 21, 2026 1:42:26 pm

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

[Attachment](#)

Name: Mary Kane

Date: May 21, 2026 2:45:32 pm

I am STRONGLY OPPOSED to construction of an arch--the location, the design, the location, the building size overshadowing of the size of the Lincoln Memorial. I am opposed to the proposal to add golden objects atop the proposed arch .

Name: Jean Fallowfield
Date: May 21, 2026 5:23:38 pm

YOU MUST NOT AGREE to this monstrous horrible arch that Trump wants to celebrate himself, not the USA.

And if he is impeached or convicted of horrible crimes that you are aware are being investigated (Epstein) how will that look to the world.

You would have to have it demolished!

You would have your names associated with the worst mistake in Washington DC history. Your children and friends will live with the shame.

DON'T DO IT

Jean Fallowfield
Citizen of the USA
Born in Washington DC

Name: John Labaj
Date: May 21, 2026 6:07:40 pm

A new Monumental Arch at its proposed location will be a discreation to all existing architecture that make this a beloved area for all Americans . Any such structure should be at the direction of a wide range of participating organizations charged with the astectic of the nation's capital and not one person's personal directions to impose neo classical grandiosity. JUST SAY NO TO THE ARCH!

Name: Danny Holland
Date: May 21, 2026 7:24:09 pm

There is no reason to fund an arch nearly three times as tall as the Lincoln Memorial in downtown D.C.

Name: Suzanna Hammes
Date: May 21, 2026 8:02:50 pm

I am absolutely opposed to the arch. This is a ridiculous project that is blasphemous to the heroic acts of our service members who are memorialized and laid to rest nearby. It spits in the face of those who have fought for freedom, equality and prosperity. There is no way this can be built that would respect anything our nation stands or strives for and any financial support is a bribe.

Name: Kathy Richmond
Date: May 21, 2026 9:31:58 pm

I & many other American taxpayers are furious about a plan for another Trump-designed project to feed his ego @ public expense! Do not allow Trump to make over the nation's capital into Mar-A-Lago north. Let him go back to FL where he can build all the fake gold monuments to himself that he wants ON HIS OWN DIME.

Name: Karen Huysers
Date: May 22, 2026 6:09:51 am

I stand with Veterans groups that oppose the Trump Triumphal Arch to be built overlooking Arlington National Cemetery. The arch, to be built to honor a most divisive president in our history, would block a long view from the Lincoln Monument to Arlington. As well, since Trump is building this for his own glorification, it should wait until his demise and to see how history treats his presidency. At this time, it does not appear that will be anything but infamous. I object to the building of another structure to this man. He had tried to change the landscape to bear his name throughout our Capitol. Lastly, he did not serve the country in the military. He should not go against the wishes of veterans who spend eternity in Arlington.

Name: Stacie Grove
Date: May 22, 2026 7:42:40 am

Arch
To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in strong opposition to the proposed "Arc de Trump" monument project in Washington, D.C.

Our nation's capital is home to memorials that commemorate extraordinary moments in American history and individuals whose contributions have stood the test of time. These spaces are meant to reflect broad national unity, sacrifice, leadership, and historical significance evaluated through the perspective of generations — not the passions and divisions of current politics.

Fast-tracking a monumental tribute to a deeply polarizing contemporary political figure undermines the integrity and dignity of our national civic spaces. Regardless of political affiliation, Americans should be concerned about setting a precedent in which enormous monuments are created to elevate living or recently serving political personalities before history has had the opportunity to assess their legacies fairly and objectively.

I am also deeply troubled by the priorities reflected in this proposal. Whether funded directly by taxpayers or through wealthy private donors with political interests, this project represents a staggering misuse of influence, resources, and public attention at a time when our country faces urgent needs involving infrastructure, education, housing insecurity, veterans' services, environmental protection, and public health. Washington, D.C. should not become a stage for oversized displays of personal glorification. Our national monuments should inspire reflection, humility, service, sacrifice, and unity — not political branding or personality cults.

I respectfully urge decision-makers, planning commissions, preservation boards, and elected officials to reject this proposal and preserve the historical and civic integrity of our nation's capital for future generations.

Sincerely,

Stacie Grove

Name: deborh greenbush
Date: May 22, 2026 10:04:11 am

As I tour guide for 14 years I totally oppose the proposed Memorial Arch on the Circle, It is un-needed, unwanted and too big for the space. We do not need to destroy the site line on Memorial Bridge.

Name: Ann Singleton
Date: May 22, 2026 10:14:48 am

I want to go on record as opposing the construction of this “triumphal” arch. What is it even meant to memorialize? When was the last thing the U.S. has triumphed over? I have yet to hear a cohesive reason for this other than one monumental ego. Not every head of state is remembered in the history books. We don’t need to invent a reason for this one.

Name: JP Nguyen
Date: May 22, 2026 11:38:33 am

Please don’t do this vanity project! It’s a waste of money and will be an eyesore! We don’t want anything to block the views of the Lincoln Memorial from Arlington National Cemetery.

Name: Anne Pagano
Date: May 22, 2026 1:02:07 pm

Dear Mr. Acosta, Mr. Scharf, and Distinguished Members of the Commission:

I write to submit my formal opposition to the proposed Triumphal Arch at Memorial Circle, referenced as CFA 21/MAY/26-1. While I recognize the worthy impulse to commemorate the 250th anniversary of American independence, I respectfully but firmly oppose this project on three substantive grounds.

FIRST: INAPPROPRIATE PROXIMITY TO ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

Arlington National Cemetery is hallowed ground — a place of solemn mourning, reverence, and national memory. The experience of visiting our fallen heroes demands an atmosphere of quiet dignity, free from monumental intrusion. Placing a 250-foot triumphal arch at the entrance to that sacred space would fundamentally alter the character of the surrounding landscape and diminish the gravity that every visitor to the Cemetery deserves to feel. No celebratory monument, however well-intentioned, should compete with the solemn purpose of honoring those who gave their lives in service to this nation.

SECOND: OBSTRUCTION OF EXISTING VIEWS AND NATIONAL VISTAS

The ceremonial corridor between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House represents one of the most deliberately designed and symbolically significant vistas in the United States. This axis was conceived to represent post-Civil War national reconciliation and unity. A 250-foot structure at Memorial Circle would obstruct and disrupt these historic sightlines, cluttering a landscape that has served Americans and visitors from around the world with clarity and meaning for over a century. The Commission bears a responsibility to protect these irreplaceable visual relationships, not diminish them in the name of new construction.

THIRD: THE DESIGN UNDERMINES THE STRENGTH AND DIGNITY APPROPRIATE TO AN AMERICAN NATIONAL MONUMENT

American national monuments have long been distinguished by their boldness, solemnity, and classical strength. The addition of golden winged figures and ornate cornice work at the top of the proposed arch introduces a decorative quality that is at odds with this tradition. Rather than projecting the strong, enduring character that our monuments are known for, the proposed crown of the arch conveys an aesthetic of ornamentation over gravitas. I urge the Commission to reject this design element and, more broadly, to reconsider whether this project in its current form — in its proposed location and with its current design — is worthy of the landscape it would permanently occupy.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to deny approval of the proposed Triumphal Arch as currently designed and sited. Should the concept of a commemorative arch be revisited in the future, I encourage the Commission to consider an alternative location that does not intrude upon the solemnity of Arlington National Cemetery or compromise the historic vistas of our National Mall.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments. I trust the Commission will weigh them with the seriousness this matter deserves.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne S. Pagano

Name: Nancy Bailey Stone
Date: May 22, 2026 1:49:27 pm

My parents are buried at Arlington National Cemetery. My father died in 1962. I can see the Kennedy memorial from the grave site (my mother was inurned in 1998). I can see that eternal flame which brings comfort to me. The thought that if I turn around, I will be confronted by that monstrosity that is being proposed fills me with grief, with outrage, and with anger. No one should have to experience the desecration of their loved one's grave in such a heinous fashion. When my parents were buried at Arlington, I had the consolation that, in perpetuity, their burial place would be one of care and a place where others would find solace.

The homage to a man who received multiple deferrals from serving during the war in Vietnam is a disgrace to the men and women in the armed forces who are buried at Arlington. He has no respect for them on any level. I am angry and frustrated that despite the opposition to this abomination, that the sycophants on this commission approve the plans.

Each of you will have to live with this decision on your conscience.

Name: John Hayes
Date: May 22, 2026 6:06:57 pm

As an architect, I urge you to reject this scheme which contradicts the plan made by the Arlington Memorial Bridge Commission and approved by Congress

Proposing to build two columns on Columbia Island, the Commission made clear that they should be placed to frame the view of the Lincoln Memorial and not to block that view. To that end, they proposed placing the columns about 300 feet apart - about 150 feet to either side of the axis from the Lincoln Memorial to the Cemetery entrance, the Lee Mansion, and

the grave of L'Enfant.

On page 9 of the report, the Commission said:

“Being so intimately related to the bridge, it was thought proper that the plans for the ultimate development of Columbia Island as a park should be included as part of the project for the Memorial Bridge. Accordingly, the lines of the shore of the island have been somewhat rectified to permit a cross axis almost perpendicular to the main axis of the bridge and extending the full length of the island. The intersection of these two axes has suggested a plaza with fitting architectural adornment in a measure supplemental to the Lincoln Memorial across the river, and for this purpose two stately columns are proposed to be erected here, framing in but not interfering with the view of the Lincoln Memorial from the direction of the Lee Mansion. These columns symbolically surmounted by statues of Victory, the stylobates whence they rise offering surfaces suitable for decorations, bas-relief, and inscriptions. The columns are 166 feet high, or practically of the same height as the Colonne de Juillet in Paris.”

The critical point here is:

“Framing in but not interfering with the view of the Lincoln Memorial from the direction of the Lee Mansion”

Putting an “Arc de Triomphe” on the axis of the bridge is not justified by the two widely-spaced columns in the 1920’s report. It will “interfere with the view of the Lincoln Memorial” which is precisely what the original report said was to be avoided

Nor will seeing isolated bits and snatches through the opening in the arch accomplish what the Commission design proposed and Congress approved.

John Hayes, FAIA

P.S. The Commission report is available at

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/SERIALSET-08240_00_00-002-0095-0000/pdf/

The plan from which I scaled the “about 300 feet” spacing of the columns follows page 51.

A rendering showing the columns in elevation view is between pages 34 and 35.

Name: Alexandra DeCandia
Date: May 23, 2026 11:24:24 am

Dear Chairman Scharf and NCPC Commissioners:

I urge you to reject the proposed Triumphal Arch at Memorial Circle and urge the administration to follow the laws that have kept this landscape protected and celebrated for decades. The administration has not completed the process required by the Commemorative Works Act for placing a monument in Area I of the monumental core. It has not completed environmental review under NEPA. It has not completed historic preservation consultation under Section 106. And it does not have the approval of Congress and the American public.

This 250-foot structure would permanently transform the view from the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington National Cemetery, one of the most sacred landscapes in America, where families visit fallen veterans every day. Once that view is gone, it is gone forever. Rushing this project to meet a political deadline is not a reason to skip required legal and environmental reviews. Please require full legal compliance before this project moves one step further.

Thank you,

Name: Elizabeth Hall
Date: May 23, 2026 2:36:11 pm

Ugly. Unnecessary and expensive. Would destroy the view of the real (Lincoln) memorial. If Trump wants an arch. He should wait until History deems he deserves one .

Name: Elaine Schulz
Date: May 24, 2026 8:39:01 am

To the members of the NCPC,
I am writing to express my great displeasure with the proposed Monumental Arch project (file 8778). I feel it is a completely inappropriate structure, equally for its location and size. The stunning landscape of this D.C. area would be forever negatively impacted for no valuable reason.
Thank you for your attention,
Elaine Schulz

Name: Melissa Eisinger
Date: May 24, 2026 9:46:40 am

Trump's triumphal arch further degrades our once great nation. An arch for one person is disgusting. An arch celebrating all that the current administration has done to destroy the values that our founders carefully worked out. An arch to such a person that blocks the view to the Lincoln Memorial is grotesque. An arch of that size is simply horrific. I pray every night that you will block this devastating and expensive horror show for good and all.

Name: Dominic Eisinger
Date: May 24, 2026 9:49:47 am

Dear Commission members,

The proposed New Monumental Arch should not be built. I strongly oppose all it represents (mainly a legacy to the current inhabitant of the White House). It is outrageous that it will obscure the Lincoln Memorial, built to honor the president who steered the country safely through the Civil War, but perfectly frames Arlington House, the mansion built by enslaved Americans and once owned by Confederate General Robert E. Lee. The arch does not frame the nation's honored dead, but frames instead the home of the man who led the armies of the Confederacy that killed them.

This project should be terminated.

Name: Louis Garapolo, FAIA
Date: May 25, 2026 10:21:10 am

I oppose placing the arch at this location.

I have seen a copy of the comments John Hayes, FAIA submitted to you and wish to express my support for them.

Name: Steven Yedlin
Date: May 25, 2026 11:40:47 am

Trump's Independence Arch is a desecration. Its sole purpose is to celebrate the "triumph" of Donald Trump. It is never referred to as anything but Trump's arch, not a national monument. It is intended to over shadow the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. The use of the site requires congressional approval which has not been requested or obtained. The vast majority of the citizens do not want it. If built, it is likely to be torn down by the next President. The purpose of his commission is to serve the interests of the American people. This arch is being planned to serve only one person.

Name: Margo Regas
Date: May 25, 2026 12:18:19 pm

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a proud citizen of the US who is vehemently opposed to President Donald Trump's monument to himself in the form of an arch in Washington DC. This monument would obstruct the beautiful view from the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington Cemetery. It would also take away from the solemnity, which is Arlington cemetery. Living presidents should not be allowed to build monuments to themselves except for their legacy libraries, especially using taxpayer funds.

This especially rings true when the Trump administration has defunded the national Park system, and it is hanging on by a prayer.

Please vote no on this golden monstrosity to the ego of a man.

Every other monument, statue and memorial in Washington DC has been well-thought-out and planned over the years. Please do not let this monument appear opulence destroy or diminish all the other monuments in Washington Washington DC.

Sincerely
Margo L Regas

Name: Clifford Nancarrow
Date: May 25, 2026 2:18:24 pm

To the Honorable Members of the Commission, I am grateful for the opportunity to append the attached PDF file containing comments regarding the proposed New Monumental Arch which I must unfortunately but fervently oppose.

Thank you

Sincerely,
Clifford A. Nancarrow
Timnath, Colorado 80547

[Attachment](#)

Name: Anne Lewis
Date: May 25, 2026 5:36:07 pm

To the National Capital Planning Commission:

As an architect and resident of the District of Columbia, I am concerned about all aspects of our Nation's Capital and I oppose placing the arch at this location.

I have seen a copy of the comments John Hayes, FAIA submitted to you and wish to express my support for them. The arch as designed violates the intent of the original Arlington Memorial Bridge Commission and approved by Congress.

Please do not approve this arch design.

Thank you,
Sincerely, Anne Lewis, FAIA

Name: Annette Wiley, FAIA
Date: May 25, 2026 5:43:40 pm

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Name: Gail M. Flynn FAIA
Date: May 25, 2026 5:48:10 pm

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Sincerely, Gail Flynn FAIA former Vice President of TAC, The Architects Collaborative" in Cambridge, Massachusetts

Name: Randall Vaughn, FAIA
Date: May 25, 2026 7:11:10 pm

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Name: Amanda Harmeling
Date: May 25, 2026 7:40:48 pm

RE: New Monumental Arch
(also known as United States Triumphal Arch and Independence Arch)

NCPC File Number 8778

I am writing to ask you to decline the proposal for this New Monumental Arch. Our democracy is testimony enough to the abiding triumph of democracy over autocracy.

I voted for President Donald Trump and believe that we must use our resources for better purposes.

The arch will block an extremely important symbolic vista from the Lincoln Memorial to Robert E. Lee's Arlington House. These were two great Americans who were only striving to do what they believed to be correct at a pivotal moment in our nation's history. To block this vista would be a tragedy.

Please vote against this proposal.

Sincerely,

Rev. Amanda Harmeling


Name: Guy Geier FAIA, FIIDA, LEED AP
Date: May 26, 2026 7:51:15 am

I oppose placing the arch on Columbia Island.

I have read the comments John Hayes, FAIA submitted to you and wish to express my support for them.

Thank you.

Guy Geier FAIA, FIIDA
Architect

Name: Mary Brush
Date: May 26, 2026 9:37:04 am

Monumental design is a process of discussion, iteration, proportion, and aesthetic. Within all of that is the layers of meaning and message. Processes exist to design, refine, present and obtain consensus.

This processes have not been followed and the presented design is reflective of that.

These designs are hasty. The proportions are out of balance.

Does the committee want to be part of something that is immediately dated to a quick decision but no substance. The grand arches that are admired as inspiration for this project were not approved of and constructed with great speed to complete within an election cycle.

Great work. Great admiration and great monuments take time.

The NPS and GSA and monument committees with experts in architecture, public place, and the power of commemoration exist and deserve a true seat at the table. Approval by donor buddies is not a way to achieve the intended monumental adoration.

Name: Diana Thatcher
Date: May 26, 2026 10:03:05 am

Dear Commissioners,

I stand in strong opposition to the planned monumental arch near Arlington National Cemetery. Our nation's capital represents our long-term history and reflects the American people, not a short-lived administration. Please consider the implications of this object and how it will be viewed by future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Diana Thatcher

Name: Jean Miyake
Date: May 26, 2026 11:26:31 am

Re: Trump's DC arch plan

No, no, no on this boondoggle of a vulgar monument to Trump's massive, never-enough ego.
You folks should be representing the vast majority of citizens, not doing the bidding of the president who has 34 felony convictions.

Name: William Pate
Date: May 26, 2026 3:06:08 pm

No. Just no. This has all become ridiculous.

Name: Elaine Green
Date: May 26, 2026 3:36:48 pm

Hello, I have lived in DC, VA & MD for a total of 40 years. It is home & beautiful just as it is as you traverse the Memorial Bridge.

An arch is unnecessary. Period. It will be an eyesore and distract drivers in an already dangerous area. I don't want one penny of my tax dollars to fund this or any other vanity projects for the current Administration.

Do not let the thugs steamroll over you and us on this! Our city & surrounding areas are beautiful because they celebrate the people & accomplishments of many within naturally beautiful settings. Please respect Arlington National Cemetery and more.

Respectfully, E.Green

Name: Galen Gregory
Date: May 26, 2026 3:37:21 pm

I urge the commission to reject the Arch project. It is unsightly and way out of proportion with nearby structures. Plus it interferes with the vista that was deliberately created to connect the Lincoln monument and Arlington National Cemetery. Lastly I feel that it detracts from the cemetery where our fallen soldiers rest.

Name: Will Nance
Date: May 26, 2026 3:38:08 pm

I think the arch will look fantastic. I can't think of a better way to commemorate our 250th anniversary as a country.

Name: Barbara Shramo
Date: May 26, 2026 3:41:16 pm

Very short. Please stop giving this horrible man carte blanche to erect horrendous monuments to himself. It's a disgrace and a blight on the property in question.

Name: Barbara Batson
Date: May 26, 2026 3:52:33 pm

No, no, no! There is absolutely no reason to build a triumphal arch in the District, and particularly not near Arlington Cemetery. It is total waste of money and an eyesore. And there is no reason for it other than one man's vanity. No! No! No!

Name: Margaret StJohn
Date: May 26, 2026 3:52:42 pm

I want the arch project stopped. 250 feet is ridiculous. I have stood there and the view is powerful and respectful. Arlington cemetery's view shouldn't be blocked by this unneeded, grotesque waste of money. This is very wrong to put there. We've lost enough historic landmarks already. Stop this now.

Name: Dorothy Fue Wong
Date: May 26, 2026 3:55:24 pm

The Monumental Arch is a terrible idea. Listen to the experts in historic preservation—negative analysis has indicated that it will compromise the surrounding environment of notable sites.

Name: Charity Bedoy
Date: May 26, 2026 4:02:22 pm

To the National Capital Planning Commission:

I respectfully request that any proposal involving a large-scale commemorative structure be evaluated using consistent standards focused on historical significance, long-term public value, fiscal impact, and effects on civic space.

Large monuments and memorial structures often become lasting parts of the national landscape for generations. Because of that, careful consideration should be given to questions such as:

- * What public purpose does the project serve?
- * What are the projected construction, maintenance, and security costs over time?

- * How would the project affect surrounding public spaces, infrastructure, and visitor use?
- * Does the proposal align with established principles and precedents for commemorative works?
- * How will the project contribute to the broader character and shared civic identity of the capital region?

I encourage the Commission to ensure that any decision reflects long-term planning considerations, historical context, and broad public interest.

Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Valerie Kuklenski

Date: May 26, 2026 4:11:07 pm

I am strongly opposed to the proposed arch in the District. I find its design garish and its size grotesque. It will obstruct a beautiful and meaningful view of Arlington Cemetery. It seems that is the president's intention, to celebrate himself while not needing to have a visual reminder of our war dead and veterans resting there.

Shame on anyone who supports this.

Name: Susan Johnson

Date: May 26, 2026 4:35:06 pm

This monument arch is a waste of money and time. It is NOT needed. I have been to Washington DC and enjoyed the view from Lincoln Memorial to the reflecting pool towards Arlington Cemetery. I also liked the view from Arlington back towards Washington DC. I have been to Berlin & Paris and seen their arches. They had a reason & purpose from their history. The USA does NOT need to copy other counries. Please STOP THE CONSTRUCTION of the monumental arch.

Name: Sue Shine

Date: May 26, 2026 4:42:06 pm

As an annual visitor to D.C., and long time student of our Nation's history, I am beyond appalled by the proposal to erect any structure in line of sight between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. I have had the honor of riding my bicycle across the Memorial Bridge for the last three years as part of the Law Enforcement United Charity bicycle ride and this perspective is unique in the awe one feels as they rise past the entrance of Arlington and head directly toward the Lincoln Memorial. The intent is clear and unequivocal in the design. We, as a nation must keep the original and profound intention of the design of these hallowed places as they are. The final rest of thousands of our most heroic soldiers from all walks of life, who laid down their lives in order to perpetuate our Union, face the grave and solemn leader who spent his last breaths trying to sew up the near fatal wound to our "experiment." The legacy of Abraham Lincoln and what the Civil War means to our history is so much more than any leader since, and must be honored in visible ways for all generations moving this nation forward to see. These two places must remain in the line of sight, much alike to the planning to have Grant in line with Lincoln. The only amendments to such treasures of our past must be done by non-partisan committees who have the experience and historical perspective to improve upon the memorials or manage their upkeep. No sitting president should have a single inkling to change these places, nor erect new ones to glorify themselves, ultimately at the expense of the People of this country. Please do all you can to thwart this horrible proposal and preserve the legacy of those who truly saved our Nation.

Respectfully,
Sue Shine

Name: C Rogers

Date: May 26, 2026 4:43:11 pm

Who exactly asked for this? What do the veterans want? I am totally opposed to this due to the size, if nothing else! Has Trump requested this huge scale of an arch so if rejected on size, he can adjust & still get what HE wants. That's one of his approaches. Vote no on this oversized structure that has none of the solemnity befitting the space.

Name: David Klinger

Date: May 26, 2026 4:52:58 pm

Dear Sir:

I was a resident of the District of Columbia from 1977-1978 and an employee of the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C. between 1977 and 1988. I returned many times to Washington during the course of my 35-year career in Washington.

In regard to the proposed Triumphal Arch at the gate of Arlington National Cemetery that now comes before you for review, I have been unable to locate in the record for this project any meaningful analysis of the potential impact of this project on the continued line-of-sight between the Eternal Flame in Arlington Cemetery that sits atop the gravesite of President John F. Kennedy and the City of Washington to the east.

As you undoubtedly are aware, the location of the Kennedy burial site beneath the Custis-Lee Mansion in Arlington Cemetery was specifically fixed because of President Kennedy's prior examination of the site prior to his untimely death in 1963. That sight affords a direct and unobstructed view between the national cemetery and Washington, across the Memorial Bridge. That line-of-sight was the principal criteria by which an Eternal Flame was conceived and positioned so that it would always remain visible across the Potomac River, when the light was temporarily placed at the time of burial and later, when it was permanently installed.

Consult the public records and the popular media of 1963 and you will quickly determine that it was the intent of the Kennedy Family, as well as the management of Arlington National Cemetery, for the Eternal Flame to remain a permanent and unobstructed feature of the landscape in this area.

As a commuter by bicycle between downtown Washington and my residence in Arlington, Virginia, across the Memorial Bridge in all seasons and weather, the Eternal Flame served as a faithful and constant beacon in the distance. Cross Memorial Bridge today in the twilight and you will still see that pinpoint of light emanating from Arlington Cemetery, as was intended to be a permanent feature emanating at nighttime from national cemetery since 1963.

The record for the proposed project before you fails to address this aspect of heritage in the Nation's Capital. It includes no substantive analysis of the existing line-of-sight between the Eternal Flame and Washington nor any comprehensive predictive model concerning how the proposed Triumphal Arch will obscure or otherwise blot out this permanent feature of the cemetery and its heritage. It has been ignored, overlooked, or missed in the application for this ambitious and massive project.

Until such analysis is performed, I submit that the application before you is deficient and that any action by the National Capital Planning Commission should be suspended until such deficiency is remedied.

David Klinger

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Lexington, Virginia

5/26/26

Name: Karhleen Christensen
Date: May 26, 2026 5:04:06 pm

I am totally opposed to the arch which would Interfere with the present, historic view. Trump is only president for a few more years and is totally destroying our architecture with no regard for "we the people" . He is a dictator, does not care in the least for we Americans and is totally into himself. We must stop the destruction by this man who needs to be removed from office immediately! Americans have immense pride for our country and it must be restored here and in the eyes of other countries. God help us all.

Name: Tracy Wagaman
Date: May 26, 2026 5:26:10 pm

I do not agree with the cost, the timing or the scale of this project. I do not agree with how it has come about, the lack of input from city archetects and Landmark specialists. It is too costly, too big, and ruins the city scape.

Name: Nicole Plett
Date: May 26, 2026 5:41:25 pm

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed new monumental arch in Washington, D.C.

I strongly oppose the location, height, and design of the proposed arch -- especially for the manner in which it interferes with existing commemorative works. Our sitting president Trump has no right to construct a public monument without the guidance and approval of the U.S. Congress. The massive proposed Arch would be double the size of the Lincoln Memorial and disrespects this powerful and beloved monument.

The Memorial Circla location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, the Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed with a low profile to respect the visual and symbolic vistas connecting the National Mall and National Cemetery. If constructed as planned at the proposed location, the new arch Arch will obscure the intentional relationships between the Lincoln Memorial and its associated monuments.

Please oppose this blight on the people's Washington landscape.

Yours sincerely,
Nicole Plett

Name: Debi Pyne
Date: May 26, 2026 5:41:42 pm

I strenuously object to the proposed monumental arch. I drove past the Pentagon, around Memorial Circle and across the Memorial Bridge every day as part of my commute into DC for most of my professional career. Despite various weather and traffic concerns, seeing the grand vista between Arlington House and Cemetery to the Lincoln Memorial and beyond was always an uplifting and cherished experience. This arch will ruin it.

The location of the proposed Arch, at Memorial Circle, will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscape vistas in Washington, DC, the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed with a low profile to respect the visual and symbolic vistas connecting the National Mall and National Cemetery. If constructed as planned at the proposed location, the new Triumphal Arch will obscure the intentional axial and aesthetic relationships between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House.

I am also deeply concerned about the unprecedented height and scale of the proposed Triumphal Arch, which will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House. The proposed Arch would be double the size of the Lincoln Memorial and would risk disrespecting this powerful and beloved monument. As such, the Triumphal Arch is inconsistent with the McMillan Plan and subsequent planning decisions that have stewarded the National Mall as a unified composition characterized by long, open, and uninterrupted viewsheds, with a clear hierarchy of monumental elements, that culminates at its western end at the Lincoln Memorial.

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There is also the issue of the impact on the visibility of the Eternal Flame at Kennedys grave which will be obscured by the arch.

Please deny this absurd monument!

Name: Sally Larson
Date: May 26, 2026 5:56:34 pm

I want to keep the view from the Lincoln Monument to Arlington Cemetery. The arch being proposed by a narcissistic megalomaniac isn't proportional to the surroundings and the proposed size will dwarf the Lincoln Memorial, much as the proposed ballroom dwarfs the White House. Please stop this from being built. Thank you.

Name: Theresa Blackwell
Date: May 26, 2026 5:56:40 pm

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The proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery. The hallowed resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families, Arlington National Cemetery is a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice, selfless service, and national unity, all within sight of the monumental core of the Nation's Capital. Distinguished by the Tomb of the Unknowns, Memorial Avenue, and rolling hillsides of uniform rows of simple headstones, Arlington National Cemetery is a living memorial that honors thirty funeral services each day. The Arch, as proposed, would dominate Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers.

Review of the proposal under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act has not even been initiated. The statute mandates that the review process be completed "prior to" approval of the project. 54 U.S.C. § 306108. Based on past experience with Section 106 consultation in the National Capitol region, the proposed plans will be improved in response to the collaborative review and comments from the expert professional staff of the involved agencies, including the Commission itself. Commission members must await the Section 106 process, which has not yet been initiated.

It's too big, it's intentionally blocking the view from our national heroes resting place at Arlington National Cemetery. Just because you can doesn't mean you should. So just don't do it.

Name: J Roessler
Date: May 26, 2026 6:04:26 pm

STOP THE MADNESS! Trump and his cronies must be stopped. This Trump idea is ridiculous and nothing more than an outrageously expensive, truly ugly monument to himself. It has nothing to do with our amazing country, its foundations, nor its people.

Keep up the good fight.

Name: Debra Cook
Date: May 26, 2026 6:06:25 pm

This Arch is an oversized, ridiculous, unnecessary expenditure of taxpayer dollars.

Name: Rachael T
Date: May 26, 2026 6:07:03 pm

To the NCPC:

I am against the monumental arch for the following reasons:

1. Not an efficient use of taxpayer dollars. Also not appropriate for private dollar spending as this is public land.
2. The President has stated that this arch is for him. No monuments should be built for any living person.
3. It will be an eyesore. The renderings indicate the tacky gold, the unnecessary size, and the disruption to the purposefully curated national park layout.
4. Blocks the view of Arlington which is a sacred place to the American people.

This is ultimately a waste of resources and not needed. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Annette Moore
Date: May 26, 2026 6:07:43 pm

This arch will be both an eyesore, and an attempt to overshadow and demean what is already been erected at this location. We do not need this arch, and we do not want a monument to Donald Trump, which this is all about.

Please, do not allow construction on this project to continue, as it creates another financial burden which taxpayers do not agree to fund.

Name: Judith Linville
Date: May 26, 2026 6:08:40 pm

I am a citizen, taxpayer, and registered voter in Missouri, and at 83 years of age am unable to travel to Washington DC for this upcoming meeting. However, I wish to register my opinion.

The proposed monumental Arch has not been planned with any consideration of how its placement will affect the balance of the other monuments in the District. It is of a size and scale that will throw everything off balance and center attention on itself.

The proposed Monumental Arch is also widely described, even by the current President of the United States, as a monument to himself and his achievements, even though it is sometimes called a Victory Arch. I have always understood this practice is against both law and protocol to erect and name monuments after living persons.

As a citizen who has visited the national's capital several times, I think this monument is a terrible mistake. Its scale is grotesque. Its price is enormous and unbalances the budget dramatically. Nothing about the design seems congruent with the theme of celebrating 250 years of democracy and freedom in the United States of America.

Therefore I respectfully beg you to vote no and not approve the design of this monument.

In a word, NO!

Thank you for receiving my comment.

Name: Mary Dahl
Date: May 26, 2026 6:16:56 pm

I oppose the Monumental Arch. This would block views of Arlington National Cemetery and the Lincoln Monument. The relation of the two is purposeful and arch would ruin that perspective. Please stop this project.

Thanks.
Mary Dahl

Name: Jennifer Kimball
Date: May 26, 2026 6:18:50 pm

I am not in favor of the proposed monumental arch AT ALL. It would greatly detract from the monuments near it as well as Arlington National Cemetery. It is not needed. It is not wanted. It is a terrible idea. It is merely an inflated idea to match the current President's inflated ego. Don't build it!

Name: Jacqueline Nordeen
Date: May 26, 2026 6:27:21 pm

I am very concerned about the location, height, scale, and design of the proposed Triumphal Arch, the manner in which it interferes with existing commemorative works and fails to protect existing public uses and cultural resources.

The location of the proposed Arch, at Memorial Circle, will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscape vistas in Washington, DC, the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed with a low profile to respect the visual and symbolic vistas connecting the National Mall and National Cemetery. If constructed as planned at the proposed location, the new Triumphal Arch will obscure the intentional axial and aesthetic relationships between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House.

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In addition, the proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery. The hallowed resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families, Arlington National Cemetery is a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice, selfless service, and national unity, all within sight of the monumental core of the Nation's Capital. Distinguished by the Tomb of the Unknowns, Memorial Avenue, and rolling hillsides of uniform rows of simple headstones, Arlington National Cemetery is a living memorial that honors thirty funeral services each day. The Arch, as proposed, would dominate Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers.

Finally, it is important to note that review of the proposal under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act has not yet been initiated. I understand that the National Park Service will be initiating Section 106 consultation soon, but the statute mandates that the review process be completed "prior to" approval of the project. 54 U.S.C. § 306108. In addition, based on past experience with Section 106 consultation in the National Capitol region, the proposed plans will be improved in response to the collaborative review and comments from the expert professional staff of the involved agencies, including the Commission itself. I urge the Commission members to await the Section 106 process, which has not yet been initiated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Cynthia Nash
Date: May 26, 2026 6:28:05 pm

I first voiced my opposition to the arch last year in a piece in the Scranton Times Tribune. The Vista between the Lincoln Memorial and the Arlington national Cemetery linked by the graceful and reserved Memorial Bridge is a very powerful one and should not be interrupted by a structure, which has no relationship to either the cemetery or the memorial or even the Bridge itself. If the president wants a triumphal arch, I suggest he finds another site for it.

Name: Christa Jones
Date: May 26, 2026 6:30:34 pm

Please do not further desecrate our capital with this construction. It is ugly; it makes its surroundings ugly; and the person who has said it is for "me" has already made his blot on our history.

Name: Candice Shy Hooper
Date: May 26, 2026 6:42:48 pm

My parents, Richard and Betty Shy, are buried at Arlington, My father served in the US Navy in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam, and my mother had what is called the "hardest job in the Navy" - a Navy wife.
The arch will shatter the calm, quiet atmosphere of Arlington Cemetery and the approach to it from every direction.
It is not needed to celebrate or commemorate any of this country's triumphs - there are monuments to all the wars in Washington and throughout the nation. And it is utterly foreign to the memory of the men and women buried there who fought in those wars because of their dedication to our founding principles, not for posthumous glory.
The arch will also destroy the landscape of Washington DC because it is so completely out of scale with all of the other important landmarks in the city.
I lived in Washington for more than 50 years, and visited Arlington many, many times - even before my parents were buried there. The flat, roundabout approach to the cemetery is the last opportunity for a visitor to take a deep breath before entering the hallowed ground of Arlington Cemetery.
Please do not mutilate our nation's capital with this arch.

Name: Rebecca Low
Date: May 26, 2026 6:47:48 pm

I beseech you to not allow Donald Trump to destroy, tarnish, or disgrace any more of our sacred historic spaces. The size and and scope of his (yet another) Vanity project is obscene. I urge you to reject it entirely, not just possibly reducing the scale of the project. It has no place in our nation's capitol.
Thank you,
Rebecca Low

Name: Carole Ebert
Date: May 26, 2026 6:53:14 pm

The size and scope of this monstrosity is completely wrong for the planned space. It will be a huge detriment to the beautiful and carefully curated DC skyline we currently have, especially since it will block the view from the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington National Cemetery. Its design is gaudy and ostentatious, more befitting a king or emperor than the American spirit it claims to represent. It is unfathomable to me how a project with this level of impact can just proceed without any oversight or input from anyone other than the commission the president himself appointed. God forbid they should stand in his way! This is a travesty in so many ways. The placement alone would cause traffic headaches and does not allow for anyone to walk to it since it is the middle of A TRAFFIC CIRCLE! Please note how all of our beloved monuments allow citizens to admire up close providing a personal connection. Years of thought and planning go into our treasured monuments and public spaces to ensure they reflect the ideals we hold dear and truly represent the essence of the person or event we are honoring. This proposed arch is the deranged fever dream of a person who has no taste in art or architecture. It will be an eyesore of such magnitude it is difficult to find words to describe.

Name: Heidi Coble
Date: May 26, 2026 6:54:10 pm

No. Too much money for unnecessary monument to a pedophile outrageous!

Name: Teresa Phillips
Date: May 26, 2026 6:55:23 pm

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One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.

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.

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Name: Jamie Niemie
Date: May 26, 2026 6:56:28 pm

I am strongly against this proposed arch in Trumps name. His lack of respect and reverence for the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery are unacceptable . He is only about himself and he doesn't deserve to have e any monument in his name or likeness on such sacred ground.
PLEASE DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN !

Name: Ann Bach
Date: May 26, 2026 6:58:15 pm

Greetings-
I strongly oppose the building of the Monumental Arch.
This project, along with several others including the East Wing, the Ballroom, the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool & the Kennedy Center, have been thrust upon the American people WITHOUT compliance of any rules & regulations, permitting or guidelines,

It is time for this madness to stop.

Name: Laura Canavan
Date: May 26, 2026 6:59:32 pm

WE DO NOT NEED ANY ARCH IN DC.
WE DO NOT WANT ANY MONUMENT FOR TRUMP.
WE TAXPAYERS DO NOT WANT TO PAY FOR ANY SUCH MONUMENT.
THERE IS NO NEED FOR SUCH A MONUMENT.
NO.
ABSOLUTELY NO.

Name: Paula Whitacre
Date: May 26, 2026 7:02:29 pm

As a longtime Virginia resident, daughter of a veteran, and concerned ciitizen, I strongly oppose the proposed monumental arch.

I oppose it on logistical, symbolic, historical, fiscal and aesthetic grounds. I recognize that changes do occur to view scapes over time, but this would be a devastating addition to what is arguably one of the most beautiful and meaningful panoramas in the nation.

Name: Sara Downey
Date: May 26, 2026 7:03:07 pm

The Trump Arch is a massive waste of taxpayer money and an inappropriate addition to our Country's historic monuments. Monuments are traditionally added after a hero or respected leader is no longer alive NOT a monument to prop up a current presidents ego. Do not approve the arch

Name: Pamela Huffman
Date: May 26, 2026 7:10:23 pm

My father is buried at Arlington National cemetery and I really do not think it is appropriate to have the view of the cemetery blocked by a large golden arch. We have so many needs in America — so much we could fund — please do not spend money on this unneeded arch. Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Nanon Perdaems-Vigen
Date: May 26, 2026 7:19:30 pm

I am expressing my emphatic opposition to the Arch. This in my opinion is a vanity Arch and will not enhance but will detract and be an eyesore in Washington DC. As a tax payer I do not want my money going to this structure. It is a waste of money.

Name: Robin Hirsch
Date: May 26, 2026 7:20:34 pm

A ridiculous idea to honor the most corrupt and unqualified person ever to hold office. Absolutely not.

Name: Patricia Hansen-Rhodes
Date: May 26, 2026 7:20:55 pm

I'm completely against the construction of the monumental arch. This waste of taxpayer money on vanity projects should stop immediately. This administration needs to get to work on improving the lives of all Americans. That's what you were elected to do.

Name: Jennifer Leipold
Date: May 26, 2026 7:25:43 pm

Named National Monuments should be proposed & discussed after the person has died; like battle ships. In addition the current proposed location is inappropriate & disrespectful of Arlington Cemetery. I do not support this arch and hope you do not either. Thank you.

Name: Barbara Hebert
Date: May 26, 2026 7:27:06 pm

I am strongly opposed to this unnecessary Arch. Our founding fathers and the architects of our nation's capital laid it out in such a way as the view to/from Arlington National Cemetery is unobstructed. This Arch dishonors all those soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice for this country. The capital belongs to the American people not just one man.

Name: Sue Tavarozzi
Date: May 26, 2026 7:28:14 pm

I do not want any of my tax dollars going toward this proposed Arch. It is not within the standards of the monuments already in place PLUS we already have an arch!!

NO MONUMENTAL ARCH EVER!

Name: Linda Christian-Herot
Date: May 26, 2026 7:32:01 pm

My father and mother are buried in the National Cemetery at Saratoga. Like Arlington it is a beautiful, solemn place and I am proud that our government has created these cemeteries to honor those who served the country. In my view the enormity of this arch is damaging and offensive to the dignity of the cemetery as well as the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington monument. No one except Trump wants this and I am angry that my tax dollars would be used for such an abomination

Name: Debbie Von Gonten
Date: May 26, 2026 7:37:02 pm

I am adamantly opposed to the proposed Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway, near Arlington National Cemetery and along the Potomac River.

The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House.

One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.

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.

Shame on anyone who supports this disrespectful project! Truly un-American!!!

Name: Denise Benson
Date: May 26, 2026 7:37:08 pm

I do not want the new monumental arch built. It will only detract from the Lincoln Monument and the National Mall. It is ugly and looks like something Hitler would like.

Name: Sarah Saar
Date: May 26, 2026 7:37:13 pm

Dear Members,

I write in strong opposition to the proposed monumental arch in Washington, DC.

This proposal is wasteful, divisive, and fundamentally at odds with the public interest. At a time when the nation faces serious fiscal pressures, it is indefensible to devote enormous resources to a grandiose monument honoring a man whose leadership many Americans associate with deep national division, rising debt, reckless decision-making, and repeated public disappointment.

Washington's monumental landscape should reflect the highest and most enduring national ideals. It should not be used to glorify vanity, reward controversy, or impose a deeply polarizing political statement on the American public. A project of this scale and cost demands broad civic consensus and historical seriousness. This proposal has neither.

The expense alone should disqualify it. Americans should not be asked to accept the financial burden of an extravagant symbolic structure when there are far more urgent national priorities. A monumental arch is not a necessity. It is a display of excess.

I urge the Commission to reject this proposal outright. The capital deserves planning guided by restraint, dignity, fiscal responsibility, and genuine public purpose—not spectacle built around a single contemporary political figure.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Sarah Saar
Sellersburg, IN

Name: Jeffrey Barbon
Date: May 26, 2026 7:40:05 pm

A triumphal arch is completely inappropriate for a Democratic Republic. It is more suitable for Kings and Emperors. We the people do not want this garish structure in our Capitol City.

Name: J V
Date: May 26, 2026 7:43:38 pm

This is a waste of money! A vanity project forced on taxpayers. Please do not waste our money on this!

Name: Doris Siewert
Date: May 26, 2026 7:45:41 pm

Please do not approve this hideous arch. It obstructs the view between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery, is too large just for the sake of being large, and is just plain tacky.

Name: Arun Baheti
Date: May 26, 2026 7:47:13 pm

The NCPC should decline to approve this project, for reasons that precede any question of design, aesthetics, or historic impact: it is almost certainly unlawful, and it may be dangerous.

The law has not been followed. The Commemorative Works Act of 1986 is unambiguous. Congress prohibited the construction of new commemorative works in the District of Columbia and its environs without specific congressional authorization. The planned location at Memorial Circle sits within Lady Bird Johnson Park, designated under "Area I" of the Commemorative Works Act, which carries the strictest congressional oversight. That authorization has not been obtained. The administration's claim that a 1924 congressional resolution suffices is not credible -- a century-old authorization for a conceptually different structure cannot substitute for the specific approval the CWA requires. A coalition of lawmakers has filed an amicus brief in federal court arguing the project violates the Act, and Vietnam War veterans have sued, alleging Congress has not authorized the arch and that required environmental and historic reviews have not been completed. The NCPC should not approve a project currently being litigated on the ground that it is unlawful.

Section 106 review has not been completed. The National Historic Preservation Act mandates that Section 106 review be completed prior to project approval. It has not been initiated. This is not a formality -- it is a statutory prerequisite.

The FAA question has not been answered. A 250-foot structure in the flight path approaching Reagan National Airport raises serious aviation safety concerns that have not been reviewed. This is not a hypothetical. The January 2025 collision over the Potomac River killed 67 people and prompted a sweeping federal investigation into aviation safety procedures surrounding the busy D.C. airspace. The NTSB found not one single factor but many errors and systemic failures, criticizing the FAA for longstanding failures involving helicopter traffic routes and airspace management. Congress is currently legislating fixes. Introducing a 250-foot permanent obstruction into that same corridor -- without FAA review -- would be reckless under any circumstances. In the current moment, it is unconscionable.

The Commission of Fine Arts voted to approve a design. It cannot vote away the law. The NCPC should table this proposal until Congress authorizes it, Section 106 review is completed, and the FAA has fully evaluated the aviation safety implications. In other words: until this project is actually legal, and demonstrably safe.

Name: Martha Youmans
Date: May 26, 2026 7:49:30 pm

The proposed arch is an abhorrence. Washington DC prides itself in being intricately planned, meaningful decisions having been made along the way after careful studies. We cannot allow this administration to ignore history or the entire population of this country for one man's ego. He must be stopped.

Name: Karen Baldwin
Date: May 26, 2026 7:50:26 pm

I am absolutely against this project! Enough with Trumps ego filled projects!
Its time for hime to think about the needs of the American people! Universal health care! Nationwide Day care...money into the hands of everyday people not the 1 % billionaires and trillionaires
And finish arresting those in the Epstein Files!
No Arch!!!
Enough!

Name: Karen Elliott
Date: May 26, 2026 7:53:00 pm

This is a ridiculous waste of taxpayer dollars.we do not need an arch for any reason and with the current amount of deficit and with it growing by leaps and bounds daily, this expenditure is totally unacceptable. This money shouldn't be spent at all, but if it were spent it would be better spent on social services for taxpayers. Please stop pandering to this administration and allowing them to suck tax dollars into unnecessary projects that provide no return to the people. And it ugly!

Name: Richard Shy
Date: May 26, 2026 7:55:10 pm

Please no. Don't disrespect where my father lies in Arlington Cemetary. Thank you

Name: Karen Burns
Date: May 26, 2026 8:01:26 pm

Trump once again bathing in the glory of his own narcissistic urges will destroy the beautiful and exact planning of the Capitol grounds that was done by people far smarter than he is. Respect Arlington National Cemetery. Do not allow this silly man to erect this hideous monument to himself. He hasn't mentioned it yet but I'm sure his name will be on it somewhere! No, no, a thousand times, no.

Name: Sara Karow
Date: May 26, 2026 8:01:55 pm

The obscene proportions of this monstrosity disrupt the solemn approach to Arlington National Cemetery.

The whole project should be scrapped.

Name: Lynne Mofenson
Date: May 26, 2026 8:07:47 pm

I am horrified by the proposed Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway, near Arlington National Cemetery. The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. In addition, the Arch will dwarf the Lincoln Memorial and disrupt the long, open, and uninterrupted viewsheds, overwhelming the entry to Arlington National Cemetery, which is 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. The Arlington Cemetery is distinguished by the Tomb of the Unknowns, Memorial Avenue, and rolling hillsides of uniform rows of simple headstones and serves as a living memorial that honors thirty funeral services each day. The Arch, as proposed, would dominate Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers. I am particularly horrified by the unprecedented height and scale of the proposed Triumphal Arch, which will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House. The proposed Arch would be double the size of the Lincoln Memorial and would risk disrespecting this powerful and beloved monument. I urge the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts ("CFA") to consider these comments in connection with its responsibility under the Commemorative Works Act, following consultation with the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission, to approve site and design proposals for commemorative works so that such works do not "interfere with, or encroach on, an existing commemorative work and to the maximum extent practicable, protect open space, existing public use, and cultural and natural resources." We would also remind the members of the CFA that the Commemorative Works Act requires the project to be approved by Congress. The project has not been approved by Congress and this work will clearly encroach on Arlington Cemetary and will not protect open space - will actually DECREASE open space. I urge this proposal be disapproved.

Name: Paul Landskroener
Date: May 26, 2026 8:09:24 pm

The "monumental arch" proposed by President Trump should not be built. It represents and celebrates the Imperial tradition, not a democratic republican one. As such, it is anti-American and has no place in the nations capital. Furthermore, its placement ruins the beautiful, proportional design that centers on the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery.

Please, do not approve this un-American aggrandizement of a single presidents ego.

Name: Marcia Calhoun
Date: May 26, 2026 8:09:26 pm

Disrespectful, expensive and unnecessary idea.and will destroy the esthetics. Please do the proper action. No arch.

Name: Kay Richter
Date: May 26, 2026 8:09:32 pm

I am commenting concerning the current proposal by the Executive Office of the President and the U.S. Department of the Interior to construct a new Triumphal Arch at Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

I think this is a horrible proposal. It will destroy the current connections between Arlington National Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial. It will highlight the home of a Confederate General - a traitor to the United States of America - who fought against the military of our United States of America so that he could continue the horrors of enslaving people in this country.

I think this is a complete waste of the money I pay through my taxes. I want my tax funds to go toward SNAP benefits, Medicaid and Medicare, relieving the burden of those buried in student loan debt, and other ways of helping people in need - NOT for a monument commissioned by a man who never served in the military and does not have the decency to honor the graves of USAmerican military members who are buried at Arlington.

I think the proposed Triumphal Arch will be an eyesore; I think it will destroy the current aesthetic of the Capitol of the United State of America; I think it is an atrocious and blatant mis-use of USAmerican taxpayers' money.

Name: Mary Burbey
Date: May 26, 2026 8:13:44 pm

The proposed Monumental Arch is absolutely garish. It is unnecessary and takes away from the simple beauty of what is there, and insults the meaning behind the current monuments. Please do not allow this monstrosity to be built.

Name: Dennis Domres
Date: May 26, 2026 8:15:49 pm

Absolutely obscene

Name: Ayla Gokturk
Date: May 26, 2026 8:19:06 pm

I, along with millions of other Americans, protest the monumental arch. It disrupts the sight line and emotional tone of Arlington National Cemetery. It's too tall, ridiculously gaudy, and does nothing to enhance the area. It is also, like many other projects, unnecessary and a waste of taxpayer funds.

Name: Donna Zibert
Date: May 26, 2026 8:19:07 pm

I am distressed at the Arch blocking the view of Arlington. It is out of proportion relative to existing monuments and diminishes the monuments that express the sacrifice made by so many for this great nation.

I am a US Army retiree and love history. Washington DC is our nation's Capitol. It is stately and sacred to the lives of so many. This arch is an abomination.

Name: Darlene Barrailler
Date: May 26, 2026 8:23:18 pm

I'm concerned about the location, height, scale, and design of the proposed Triumphal Arch, the manner in which it interferes with existing commemorative works and fails to protect existing public uses and cultural resources.

Name: Carolyn Lewis
Date: May 26, 2026 8:25:03 pm

As a former resident of Washington, D.C., I am writing to voice my opposition to the current proposed plan for the Monumental Arch. The location, height, scale and design will interfere with commemorative works like Arlington National Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial. It will also fail to protect some of the symbolic landscape vistas in our nation's capital.

This unfortunate and frankly gaudy and self-serving design should not move forward. Something more refined and respectful should be proposed. Regardless, Congressional approval of the Monumental Arch is required under the Commemorative Works Act. Please abide by the requirements and listen to the American public.

Last and not least, Americans are struggling to put food on the table, find affordable healthcare and housing, and find employment that provides a living wage. Time and attention should instead be put towards the American public. To spend such resources on a Monumental Archive is a disservice to the ideals that members of the military fought for who now lay to rest as Arlington Cemetery.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Lewis
A Concerned American.

Name: Ilene Feinman
Date: May 26, 2026 8:26:08 pm

Thank you for the opportunity to register public comment regarding the New Monumental Arch.

I wish to register my opposition to the creation of this arch given the below significant concerns.

The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House.

One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.

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.

The critical symbolic importance of the area as it is currently configured demands respect and invites us to contemplate the great significance of our shared American story.

Name: Georjean Adams
Date: May 26, 2026 8:27:49 pm

I OPPOSE the proposed monumental arch at Memorial Circle. I agree with the comments of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

"The Arc de trump" makes me ill to think about. If anything goes there, it should be a small memorial to the 2026 repudiation of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution.

Name: Lisa Wellington
Date: May 26, 2026 8:28:21 pm

We do not need this project in any way, shape or form. From what I understand, it will block the vista of Arlington which is disrespectful. And in a day and age where the deficit has ballooned and costs for everyday citizens are through the roof, it is obscene to be spending money on an enormous eye sore. Do NOT allow this arch to be built!

Name: Janet Kohler
Date: May 26, 2026 8:28:53 pm

The proposed arch is a disgraceful waste of money. Its construction will be horribly and unnecessarily disruptive to transportation. It is the folly of one evil, self-absorbed narcissist; it does NOT represent our nation’s interests or needs, let alone honor our history.

The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House.

One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.

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 views, 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: Roberta Giudice-Teller
Date: May 26, 2026 8:29:17 pm

First question is WHY ????
the area is beautiful as it is now , we don't have to be bigger than the Arch in France or similar to the arch that Hitler built why in power .
Lets just stop wasting money and start working for the needs of the American People

Name: Alison Pignolet
Date: May 26, 2026 8:32:44 pm

I am writing to express my opposition to the planned “Triumphal Arch”. The scale and placement of the proposed monument are jarring and an affront to the beauty of the Lincoln Monument and the solemnity of the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. Personally, I find the Lincoln Memorial to be one of the most meaningful monuments in our country. Additionally, I don’t understand the historical meaning or message of this proposed monument. Thank you for reading my message.

Name: Paula Kaye
Date: May 26, 2026 8:36:38 pm

We do not need this Arch. It’s a disgrace to the soldiers that have their lives. Please leave it AS IS. There is no good reason to build that monstrosity. Please honor our brave soldiers and not one sick old man.

Name: MOLLY BANKO
Date: May 26, 2026 8:36:43 pm

I strongly urge the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts to reject the proposed Triumphal Arch at Memorial Circle. At double the height of the Lincoln Memorial, the structure would destroy the cherished axial vista connecting the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House, and would be deeply inconsistent with the solemn character of Arlington National Cemetery. Section 106 review under the National Historic Preservation Act has not yet been completed, and the law requires that process to conclude before any approval.

Name: Rita Renner
Date: May 26, 2026 8:37:03 pm

This arch does not respect the legacy of the viewshed designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. It is another example of hasty siloed "decision making" intended to gratify the boundless ego of the current occupant of the White House. There have been far too numerous instances already during this term of wanton destruction of the taxpayers' assets: The Kennedy Center, the East Wing, the proposed ballroom, the proposed paint job on the Old Executive Office Building. There is no legitimate reason for this arch. The design is monstrously disproportionate to the space, aesthetically hideous, and outrageously expensive.

As a taxpayer I resent this approach to glorification of the current president and fiercely oppose the use of public funds for construction. I also oppose the construction of this structure

regardless of funding source. It will destroy the finest view in the entire area. Having lived in the DC area for a number of years earlier in my life, I can say this view is one of the most solemn and meaningful vistas anywhere in the US and to destroy it for a monstrosity such as the proposed arch is criminal.

Name: Sue Renville
Date: May 26, 2026 8:40:44 pm

No to the arch. It is one just one more place that Trump wants to place his name. He should not be allowed to destroy the historical setting. He has already destroyed part of the White House.

Name: Lauren S
Date: May 26, 2026 8:40:58 pm

There is absolutely no reason for this arch to be built, but especially not in the currently planned location and not in the current state of things. The economy in this country is absolutely dreadful, and building this arch would be a slap in the face when added to everything else going on.

Name: Bruce Rieder
Date: May 26, 2026 8:49:27 pm

The proposed arch is the wrong design, the wrong scale, in the wrong place, with the wrong symbolism for the monumental environment of our nation's capital. Every monument, memorial, and institutional federal building is placed for a reason, with a message, respecting its surroundings, and hierarchy. This proposed arch violates every one of those symbolic connections asserting a significance far beyond its substance.

There has been no cogent explanation by the applicant as to what triumph this arch is intended to represent. What does it mean in the context of our nation's history? What compelling idea or ideal does it convey? What is the applicant's intention of what message the viewer takes away from the experience of this structure? None of these questions are addressed by the applicant in any convincing way. It seems to be just a "pretty" bauble that we must have because other cities have one.

My own impression of the placement and design of this structure is its glorification of white Christian nationalism as a defining idea of our nation's history. The primary view to and through the arch perfectly frames the Robert E. Lee Memorial a.k.a. Arlington House. Immediately above that view are the inscribed words that suggest an incorrect Christian foundation of our nation topped by a golden winged victory figure. This is not "lady liberty" representing none of the qualities of the quiet strength, grace, and humility of that mythic figure that represents the triumph of common people. The gaudy winged victory is an entirely different and inappropriate symbology. The Lincoln Memorial is minimized in this design and placement of the arch. This design says "triumph of white Christian nationalism" to me in its symbology.

Finally, as a resident of Arlington, I have frequently travelled that area at night. As anyone who makes that trip knows, the solemn flickering light of the eternal flame at the JFK gravesite is frequently visible in the darkness as one travels across Memorial Bridge. That quiet stirring experience will be completely obliterated by the bulk of the arch as well as by its nighttime lighting in yet one more insult by this applicant to our veteran President John F. Kennedy.

For these reasons, I vehemently oppose this proposal as inappropriate.

Name: Kimberly Stavelly
Date: May 26, 2026 8:50:40 pm

I completely agree with all the concerns of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and their reasons that this project be declined.

Name: Sandra Mock Myers
Date: May 26, 2026 8:50:55 pm

While I agree with all the reasons stated in the document submitted by the NCPC, I have other thoughts on the Monumental Arch. This administration is the most corrupt in the history of the US. Why would we honor a man that regularly lies, disrespects women and minorities, promotes cruelty of immigrants, retaliates against anyone who disagrees with him, and leads the most corrupt and incompetent administration in the history of the US? Donald J. Trump believes the rules of law and, specifically the Constitution, do not apply to him. He has created a world that punishes the average person and rewards those who hold wealth and power. Honoring DJT with a Monumental Arch is the wrong thing to do. The historical significance of such an Arch will be one of division and corruption by a man who cared about no one but himself. Is this what we want for the U.S. Capitol? Shut it down before the graffiti artists fill it with hateful symbols!

Name: Dr. Mha Atma Khalsa
Date: May 26, 2026 8:53:20 pm

As a very concerned American citizen and taxpayer I appreciate this opportunity to comment.

This proposed arch is ugly, anti-American, and a disgrace to our nation. It is Mr. Trump's pet project and has nothing to do with truly honoring our nation, our history and our democracy. I very strongly urge that this project be cancelled!

Name: Lisa Smolar
Date: May 26, 2026 8:53:36 pm

I am writing to protest the addition of any arch to the proposed location. There is no need; no national imperative to add this monument. The proposed design would be an eyesore, damaging the connection between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. Please don't waste taxpayer money on this monstrosity.

Regards,
Lisa Smolar, Voter and Taxpayer

Name: Donna Stork
Date: May 26, 2026 8:53:37 pm

I strongly oppose the erection of the monumental arch under consideration. It would interfere with the serenity of Arlington nearby. It smacks of fascism to erect and enormous monument to a living president. I am told that it would interfere with the line of sight from the Lincoln Memorial. I question the need for a monument to a man who has increased our national debt by 25% and who repeatedly insults liberal, female and non-White Americans. Donna P. Stork

Name: Catherine McCarthy
Date: May 26, 2026 8:55:49 pm

I oppose the New Monumental Arch. I would rather have the National Park Service re-enstated and National Parks protected. I also oppose the East Wing reconstruction and proposed elaborate ballroom.
Since all of these come under your purview I combine my concerns and objections. I would also like this administration to follow protocols.

Name: Dena Grose
Date: May 26, 2026 8:55:53 pm

Please do not allow the arch proposed by the current administration to be built. It is grossly out of proportion to the DC Mall and existing monuments, and would overshadow the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington as well as create a hazard for flights and traffic. Not only should no taxpayer funds be used for such a project, but neither should private funds donated to curry favor. No arch!

Name: Laura Wickline
Date: May 26, 2026 8:57:35 pm

Memorial Circle, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Washington, DC.
New Monumental Arch

Regarding the above project I'd like to speak about the location and intention behind the arch. This is simply a vanity project for a President who needs constant validation. A man that has called veterans "losers" wants a monument placed at the entrance to the most sacred of veterans cemeteries, Arlington. It will be an insult to all who have served. I would encourage you to do whatever can be done to keep this arch from being built.
Thank you,
Laura Wickline

Name: Linda Schenker
Date: May 26, 2026 9:00:00 pm

I hope the building of this arch will not be approved. It is too large, but at any size, has no business anywhere near Arlington where our heroes rest. Knowing that the person who wants this built thinks of those heroes as losers and suckers makes this arch beyond disrespectful and would be a constant reminder of that.
Please keep Washington beautiful with all of its history.
Thank you.

Name: Beatrice Camp
Date: May 26, 2026 9:04:24 pm

I object to the plan to build a monumental arch between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. An arch, particularly one so huge, is neither needed nor wanted. It would block views between Arlington Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial. It would tower over the hallowed graves -- including my parents' -- and dwarf the memorial to Lincoln. It serves no purpose except the president's self-promotion complex. Do not build it.

Name: Marilyn Hunter
Date: May 26, 2026 9:04:44 pm

The United States government is in a time of extraordinary chaos. This administration has added to the national debt bypassing the "Big Beautiful" tax bill, and have already destroyed the East Wing of the White House without the approval of the authorities. I believe "We the People" are sick and tired of the reckless and irresponsible behavior of the current administration. This "arch" project is an unnecessary joke. Just say no.

Name: Kathleen Biesecker
Date: May 26, 2026 9:05:31 pm

I am a lifelong Loudoun County, VA, resident who is horrified by the grotesque new monumental arch proposed by Donald Trump's administration. The Nazi-like design, overwrought size and scale, and terrible placement of the arch in such a way as to obstruct the sacred views of Arlington National Cemetery should entirely disqualify this application from ever being approved. This monstrosity should NEVER be built... and our precious taxpayer dollars should not be used to construct it. PLEASE say no to this hideous ode to Donald Trump. We must protect our skyline and sacred places from these types of assaults on the senses and on our nation.

Name: Lynne Tobin
Date: May 26, 2026 9:06:16 pm

I strongly oppose the size and location of new monumental arch at Memorial Circle. The location will interrupt the relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across the Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. This vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. The view carries significant meaning and is one of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C. The scale, design and location of the unnecessary proposed arch will disrupt this important and revered vista. The arch will dwarf the Lincoln Memorial and block the long, open and uninterrupted view to the entry of Arlington National Cemetery. It is inappropriate and crass. There is literally only 1 person in this country who wants this monument. Please do not allow 1 person, regardless of how powerful he deems himself to be, to obliterate one of the most important and significant viewsheds in our nation.

Name: Mary Frakes
Date: May 26, 2026 9:09:13 pm

There is absolutely no reason for construction of this monument other than to insert one man's ego into a vista that has been treasured for decades. And to pretend that this is the highest and best use for the money that will be used to build it is absurd. Just because the person who ordered it knows nothing about government but has experience in real estate does not justify this travesty.

Name: Anne Rubin
Date: May 26, 2026 9:15:34 pm

This arch is an abomination and disrespects Washington DC's monumental landscape. It overshadows the Lincoln Memorial, a great homage to democracy for all., site of Marion Anderson's concert and the March on Washington, and frame's Robert E. Lee's house instead.

Please stop the current administration from destroying our landscape.

Name: Lee Yeash
Date: May 26, 2026 9:19:23 pm

If there are people in this country that cannot afford gas, healthcare, housing, childcare, food or any other basic necessity of life, then any public money towards this ridiculous waste of time, money and ego stroking should go to assist the American public. The city of Washington DC does not need any more monuments let alone one to someone that is destroying our country. Please, do not let this project proceed beyond a thought.

Name: Dianne Poore
Date: May 26, 2026 9:21:38 pm

The proposed arch would be a gaudy eyesore not in fitting with the somber cemetery and surrounding landscapes. Please do not allow it to be built.

Name: Colleen Bowers
Date: May 26, 2026 9:26:47 pm

Hello,

I am writing today to communicate my objection to the building of this new arch. First off, the tax money being spent on its construction is horrifying, while Americans are suffering, with increased expenses from the war with Iran. Also, the arch would dwarf the existing DC monuments, creating an incredible eyesore. We do not need this arch. Please do not allow it to be built.

Name: Shannon Howard
Date: May 26, 2026 9:26:52 pm

The proposed arch is a disrespectful insult to the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. It is a vanity project designed to loom over all other memorials in an obscene gesture to imply more importance and grandeur than the memories of the dead that surround it. Meanwhile, the reflecting pool has already been damaged with vehicles driven through it and blue paint. Say no to the arch. Nobody is asking for it. It does not represent the values of the memorialized president and soldiers that would surround and be dwarfed and overshadowed by it.

Name: Mike Wallace
Date: May 26, 2026 9:28:29 pm

This project would be a dishonorable blight on our capital's landscape. Obscuring the the national cemetery with a monument to a person whose ego is bigger than their actual accomplishments, dishonors every patriot buried in the hallowed grounds.

Name: Theodora Goodrich
Date: May 26, 2026 9:29:20 pm

Disgraceful and inappropriate. Will be torn down the minute he is dead or out office. Terrible waste of taxpayer's money.

Name: Scott Seaton
Date: May 26, 2026 9:31:28 pm

I have lived in Arlington for many years, appreciating the beauty and vistas of the area. The proposed Monumental Arch is completely out of scale for the site, blocking the views in either direction. It distracts rather than adds, and the negative impressions will only diminish the reputation of the President who proposed this. No arch!

Name: Stephanie Fretwell
Date: May 26, 2026 9:34:46 pm

The so-called monumental arch would be nothing but a monument to a so-called man who is an adjudicated rapist, multiple time felon and the mastermind behind an insurrection. He does not deserve to be rewarded with this monument.

Name: Patrick Price
Date: May 26, 2026 9:40:40 pm

Being a Veteran, I am completely opposed to any such arch structure being erected. There is no need or purpose for it aside from that to stroke the ego of our current POTUS. It would be a monumental waste of resources as well as obstructing the view of sacred ground.

Name: Anne Stryker
Date: May 26, 2026 9:41:11 pm

I am submitting this statement to protest the proposed Arch that is to be constructed near Arlington Cemetery. This is a colossal waste of money and more importantly, a huge insult to our Veterans. This must be stopped immediately.

Name: Garry Poore
Date: May 26, 2026 9:41:57 pm

This arch is an ego trip for Donald Trump, not a way to show respect for 400,000 dead. Please don't allow it to be built.

Name: Andre Becker
Date: May 26, 2026 9:42:44 pm

Please stop this insult on the intelligence and patriotism of Americans.

This project is derivative, lacking in originality and meaning. Only a vapid narcissist could even suggest something so banal.

Name: Robert McKennett
Date: May 26, 2026 9:45:31 pm

Inappropriate line of sight for Arlington National Cemetery

The design shown does not reflect our country's values. This design is reminiscent of kings and dictators.

Name: Melanie Mitchell
Date: May 26, 2026 9:46:19 pm

In keeping with the views of the National Trust, I strongly oppose this MONUMENTAL ARCH...."The Arch, as proposed, would dominate Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers." It seems garish and overblown and will damage the majestic beauty of the open landscape and views. Please reject this proposal.

Name: Becki Shriner
Date: May 26, 2026 9:47:18 pm

Do not build this disgusting arch. It's embarrassing . It's just another vanity monument . Trump is a disaster . Worst president ever. 2547

Name: Vera Jean Murphy
Date: May 26, 2026 9:47:56 pm

This arch is an abomination. Besides being an air, traffic control nightmare at one of the most dangerous airports in the country, it is unnecessary, unsafe, and a total waste of money.

We do not have triumphal arches like the third Reich in this country. We do not need it. It is a waste of money how much money could we spend on medical care and education and social services instead of just flushing it down the toilet?

This must not go through

Name: Marcia Stoner
Date: May 26, 2026 9:48:18 pm

I urgently request that you disallow the planned large arch near the Arlington Bridge. The enormous size and position will obscure the historically important view between Arlington Cemetery, Arlington House and the Lincoln Memorial. Our Capital City was carefully designed to provide focus on historic sights and I am totally opposed to changes driven by one person. His ideas should not take precedence above those from the National Historic Trust and citizens like me.

Name: Stacey Sharp
Date: May 26, 2026 9:48:37 pm

Blocking the view of the sacred ground of Arlington Cemetery, for a vanity project, is not what our nation is about. We are a nation that honors our soldiers, a nation that would never block the view of even a single grave. Whether it's the Kennedy Eternal Flame or the final resting place of a poor grunt...we always used to honor them. What have we become?

Name: Denice Corn
Date: May 26, 2026 9:51:28 pm

There is NO need for an Arch which would destroy the view & ambiance of the current monuments in place & hinder flight paths, along with the entrance to a military cemetery. Bad enough that this administration has already destroyed the reflection pools design by treating it like a swimming pool & the East Wing of the White House.

Name: P. Stabler
Date: May 26, 2026 9:53:36 pm

I'll keep it simple. No arch. It's too big, too ostentatious, blocks the view of the entrance to Arlington, and the President only wants it to praise himself. It's a waste of money and makes us look like we are an oligarchy.

Thank you,
P. Stabler

Name: Karen Layfield
Date: May 26, 2026 9:55:30 pm

I strongly object to the proposed New Monument Arch. The proposed Arch seems an unnecessary and unwelcome expenditure of taxpayer funds when the administration is claiming there are inadequate funds for health and safety programs for citizens. Further, the location, height, scale, and design of the proposed Arch is discordant with the surrounding memorials. Please do not do this.

Karen Layfield

Name: Susan Fallander
Date: May 26, 2026 9:59:58 pm

Just a short comment. I am against the monumental arch. Our republic does not build arches to honor kings or wanna-be Kings. The arch disrupts the view and this area was designed with specific views. Veterans are against the arch. Stop the build!

Name: Julie Davidson
Date: May 26, 2026 10:02:21 pm

I have grave concerns of the potential impact of the massive and overbearing project that President is wishing to install at the entrance to The Arlington Memorial Bridge. It is on the line-of-sight between Arlington Cemetery's Eternal Flame, which marks the gravesite of President John F. Kennedy and was intended to remain perpetually visible across the Potomac in the City of Washington. The bridge was designed to symbolize the reunification of the North and the South following the Civil War as it quietly, not loudly, escorts people to a very sacred and honorable place - Arlington National Cemetery. Since the original intention was to unify, why install an arch that is polarizing? As an after thought, how about asking the relatives of the cemetery's fallen soldiers? I highly doubt they want controversy, but rather peace.

Thank you,
Julie Davidson

Name: Caryn Daulton
Date: May 26, 2026 10:03:34 pm

I am writing in opposition to the building of this new Monumental Arch. The placement and size of this arch will disrupt the viewpoint of and from the Lincoln Memorial, which serves as a reminder of reconciliation between North and South following the Civil War. This symbolism should not be interrupted. This arch will also fundamentally change the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery- which should be left undisturbed in recognition of the soldiers buried there. Their sacrifices should not be sullied or dwarfed by ANY other monument. Additions to the architecture of our nation's capital should be considered from many angles- practical, technical, financial and symbolic. The symbolism of this proposed arch does not represent our nation well, and technically and financially this administration cannot be trusted to make changes to such an important part of OUR capital.

Name: jill Loftus
Date: May 26, 2026 10:05:56 pm

I object to this massive, expensive and overbearing project on the line-of-sight between Arlington Cemetery's Eternal Flame, which marks the gravesite of President John F. Kennedy and was intended to remain perpetually visible across the Potomac in the City of Washington. I have lived in this area for 70 yers and remember when President Kennedy was laid to rest here. The Eternal Flame has been a constant and permanent feature of the Washington-to-Arlington landscape for the past 63 years. Cross the Memorial Bridge tonight, at twilight, and you will still the flame from the gravesite of an assassinated president. It now appears to be threatened by a project of great mass and considerable impact on the surrounding landscape, lacking sufficient consideration for the sacred space that Arlington National Cemetery embodies. There has been NO substantive analysis in the public record that addresses the aspect of the Eternal Flame and its intent when originally conceived. Nor does it take into account the site line to the Custis Lee Mansion and the cemetery, itself. Apparently this little point-of-light, site line has been missed, overlooked, or simply ignored by the current occupant of the White House. And since most of you are just lap dogs, I have little hope that any public comments will be given consideration - just as you ignored the public comments on the gross and hideous tear down of the East Wing. Until this serious oversight is remedied, I submit that the project before the National Capital Planning Commission is deficient and that it cannot act until this point is addressed.

Name: Lisa Hughes
Date: May 26, 2026 10:09:17 pm

It is a vanity project for a narcissistic president who has no respect for our constitution or the checks and balances that prohibit him from remaking washington d.c. according to his gaudy taste. It is not needed and it is a terrible location. It is way too expensive and shameful that so many taxpayer dollars should go to this ridiculous project when so many struggle to buy groceries and gas and the national debt is soaring.

Name: Lynda Padrta
Date: May 26, 2026 10:11:18 pm

We do not need to build anything that a current president wants to erect in his own honor. I have no doubt he will stick his name on it if he can.

Further, this out of proportion, garish monstrosity would obstruct and dwarf the clean, respectful, and peaceful entry into Arlington National Cemetery. Arlington is considered one of the most sacred places where we acknowledge and honor the sacrifices of so many of our military, a place where my own father rests.

We can see that Trump has ALREADY begun building a foundation for this arch (the Trump Arch of Triumph - triumph over what?), without permits or approvals.

Please disapprove and stop this horrific project.

Name: Kenneth Kukovich
Date: May 26, 2026 10:11:28 pm

May 26, 2026

FROM: Kenneth M. Kukovich

[REDACTED]
Lovettsville, VA 20180
TO: Mr. Rodney Mims Cook, Jr., Chair
U.S. Commission of Fine Arts
401 F Street, NW, Suite 312
Washington, DC 20001
Re: CFA 21/MAY/26-1
Memorial Circle, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Washington, DC.
New Monumental Arch. Revised Concept.

Dear Mr. Cook:

As a private citizen and frequent visitor to our nation's capital, I wish to submit the following comments in opposition to the proposed new "monumental arch."

First, this proposed arch would not comply with the Commemorative Works Act, following consultation with the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission, to approve site and design proposals for commemorative works so that such works do not "interfere with, or encroach on, an existing commemorative work and to the maximum extent practicable, protect open space, existing public use, and cultural and natural resources."

Second, and obviously, it destroys the view from the Lincoln Memorial across the Memorial Bridge to the National Cemetery. As a veteran, I find it extremely distasteful to alter that view. And historically, that view was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. The proposed arch would interfere – destroy – all that.

Third, the size is unreasonable. It would be double the size of the Lincoln Memorial. It would simply look out of place compared to the current long, open and uninterrupted view across the Bridge.

And finally, as a veteran, I am insulted by the way that this arch would degrade our National Cemetery. It would be perceived as an affront to all veterans.

I encourage you to reject this proposal – for all Americans.

Respectfully,
Kenneth M. Kukovich

Name: Patricia Gutwein

Date: May 26, 2026 10:11:43 pm

I object to the creation of a monumental oversized arch.

Name: Balinda DeSantis

Date: May 26, 2026 10:22:42 pm

Yet again, Donald J. Trump seeks to impose his personal, garish taste on an enormously expensive, unnecessary, unwanted public monument. He disdains Europe yet wants to emulate their style, except of course, he has to make it an extreme size. The United States is not Europe. This ridiculous arch does not fit with what it means to be an American. Please do not approve this monstrosity, which is clearly meant to make up for his -ahem - personal physical failures.

Name: Stephanie B

Date: May 26, 2026 10:23:54 pm

Visiting DC on Memorial Day weekend, I walked into Arlington with profound gratitude for fallen service members. Seeing the white headstones on the hill is a stark reminder of the immeasurable sacrifices made for our country. The thought of a massive arch blocking that solemn view and detracting from the hallowed grounds is disturbing and would be a great shame. In honor of my great uncles PFC Reginald J Bethuy and PFC Edward V Werger and their lives given in sacrifice to this nation, I cannot support this monumental arch. We must keep the focus on the hallowed grounds.

Name: H Anne

Date: May 26, 2026 10:32:42 pm

Please do not approve or move forward in any way with the monumental arch project. It is an absolute waste of taxpayer funds, resources, and future upkeep requirements, in addition to being completely inappropriate in design, theme, scale, and location. It is an affront to those buried at Arlington National Cemetery, and the solemn layout of the cemetery, Memorial bridge, and Lincoln Memorial. Do not build this monstrous, offensive arch. Thank you.

Name: Ruth Laney

Date: May 26, 2026 10:33:06 pm

Other than feeling that the USA does NOT need or want a monumental arch, there are a number of other negatives. The arch will truncate or obscure the view into Arlington from the mall and vice versa. It is so tall that it will probably interfere with air traffic in an area where air traffic is already congested and dangerous. The expense of building and maintaining the arch is high and those dollars could be spent to alleviate some of the rising cost of living. It is horrendous in scope and design and reflects the want of one man and not the majority of the people. This is another ego trip for a president who needs to pay attention to the economy and make America great again as he campaigned rather than grand expensive monumental expenditures.

Name: Kathleen Carl

Date: May 26, 2026 10:35:33 pm

I am adamantly opposed to the proposed Monumental Arch.

I object to every single aspect of this proposed project, including but not limited to:

- the jarring visual effect on a thoughtfully planned area
- the cost
- the similarity of the design to arches in countries where dictators ruled brutally for years or decades
- the attempt to glorify a president whose approval rating is at or below 30%

Name: Chris Fedor

Date: May 26, 2026 10:39:20 pm

I object to the current design of the proposed arch. For that specific location, the design is overbearing and tacky with its placement so close to and overshadowing Arlington national Cemetery. An arch of this design is more appropriate in a very different location. Not as you enter such a solemn, an important part of our nations history, where we honor those who

died to protect America.

Name: Nancy Cook
Date: May 26, 2026 10:40:12 pm

I strongly object to this project, as it is an absolute waste of taxpayer funds, an unnecessary project, and an appallingly useless and egregious undertaking, set only for the personal gratification of the president. Please do not allow this monstrosity to proceed.

Name: Elizabeth Harvey
Date: May 26, 2026 10:41:17 pm

I oppose the construction of the planned Memorial Arch. It is out of proportion and disrupts the connection between Arlington National Cemetery, the Lincoln Memorial, and beyond that, the National Mall. The symbolism of the open vista should not be marred by a hastily rushed and poorly conceived arch. Please do not allow this to proceed in any fashion.

Name: Kristin Arvidson
Date: May 26, 2026 10:42:03 pm

I strongly oppose this ridiculous Arch project.
It is not in our country's interest to copy European cities, just because of our president's ego.
Please do not allow this.

Name: Amy Foster
Date: May 26, 2026 10:48:23 pm

This is a waste of money. Nobody asked for this - resources for an unwanted arch just divert from more important maintenance of existing monuments. I'm so tired of the Trump Administration wasting taxpayer money on vanity projects. Abandon this concept entirely; the legal justification is highly suspect and the purpose is dumb.

Name: Lynn Taylor
Date: May 26, 2026 10:49:31 pm

Please do not allow Trump to destroy Arlington Cemetery by building his proposed arch, especially not in this location, which places the focus on another traitor's house instead of the soldiers who were laid to rest on his lawn and the other monuments in the area, which were strategically placed for a reason, not for one man's arrogance. It is a ridiculous waste of taxpayer dollars as well as an insult to the people who fought for this country. Trump doesn't need to spend anymore money on frivolous monuments to himself - look at the embarrassing disaster that he is currently doing to our house. The White House is ours, not his!

Name: Susan Wilcox
Date: May 26, 2026 10:50:26 pm

I am against the Momumentual Arch because it does not align with the already.Historic landscape of the washington d c mall and landscape. It will dwarf the already historic monuments.
And take away from the integrity that is already there what's up landscape?That was already pre planned to make it a beautiful landscape. Plus the monument is oversized and gaudy and is too reminiscent of a fascist government.That happened during world war two.

Name: April Peters
Date: May 26, 2026 10:51:23 pm

I am writing to share my comments on the proposed arch. I oppose building this arch as it is out of place with the intention of the founding principles of America. It is grossly oversized and is simply another project that screams "look at me" versus the understated beauty of other monuments. The gold leaf and sheer size will be gaudy and does not reflect the humbleness and humility of George Washington, Lincoln, and other great leaders.

I urge the committee to reject this project.

Name: DAWN KUEHNEL
Date: May 26, 2026 10:54:13 pm

Please help us, my grandfather, Gordon Garner, and my grandmother Emily Garner are buried with dignity in Arlington Cemetery. I beg you please do not let this pride stroking monstrosity cut off the clear view that those honored veterans have from their beautifully kept national park cemetery. The person that wants to build that arch has time and time and time and time again insulted and defunded veterans while claiming that he himself should be honored for his "service to our country", even going so far as to post false images of himself in an American military uniform, which he has never earned. Please let Goodness win, do not let him do this to our beautiful capital's landscape.

Name: Audrey Kennedy
Date: May 26, 2026 10:55:51 pm

This is disgusting. Just another vanity project that we, the taxpayers, are going to pay for. It Cannot be allowed to happen. It's a disgrace especially after cuts to healthcare, education, federal Employees the list goes on. And so does the gift.
NO!

Name: Phyllis Wood
Date: May 26, 2026 10:58:32 pm

Memorial Circle, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Washington, DC.
New Monumental Arch.

Hello-
I am writing to request that this project be denied fully and unequivocally. The size, location, disregard for our fallen soldiers, lack of design cohesion of the area and the amount of extreme expense for materials to build this monstrosity show a lack of regard for the historical significance of the original planning, views of this area and taxpayers of these United States. This follows previous disregard for other historically significant buildings ie, the destruction of a wing of the White House(with additional increased cost expected for rebuilding) and the proposed painting of the Eisenhower building, the painting of the reflecting pool and the destruction of the rose garden, laying waste to our traditions without Congressional consent or regard for the symbols of Democracy.

Name: Denise Houchins
Date: May 26, 2026 11:01:41 pm

I'm writing in opposition to the building of the monumental arch. It would be an inappropriate build, based on the size of the structure and where it will be located. Arlington National Cemetery is considered sacred and placing an outsized monument in front of its entrance would be disrespectful to those who are buried there and to their survivors. This arch would also have no special significance, except to the individual who wants it built. Please save Arlington and the surrounding landscape from such a monstrosity.

Name: Madelyn Walker
Date: May 26, 2026 11:04:11 pm

There is no place in DC for a triumphal arch that only represents the view of one man. We owe our tribute to those who rest in Arlington Cemetery. Arlington Cemetery trumps a triumphal arch. Hands down.

Name: Catherine Williams
Date: May 26, 2026 11:04:34 pm

The arch serves no positive purpose and will detract from the already beautiful and meaningful surroundings. It is a waste of money because it is totally unnecessary!

Name: Alexandra Bratschie
Date: May 26, 2026 11:06:12 pm

To whom it may concern,

The historical nature of a national monument has been to honor leaders that have changed the course of our nations history while demonstrating dignity, respect and integrity to all our of citizens. And this has been done while preserving the surrounding landscape, preserving the other monuments and within set standards. It is my understanding that this arch proposed by D, Trump fits none of these standards and in fact defies them. In doing so, it not only is disrespectful to our history but to us citizens who honor our history. And most importantly, there is nothing to celebrate about a president who is a sexist and rapist who has no care for anyone but himself. A man who has made himself a billionaire of the backs of us hard working citizens. We should have standards not just for the structures themselves, but who we chose to exemplify as a nation. And I for one would be embarrassed to add this arch.

Name: Penny Flavin
Date: May 26, 2026 11:06:22 pm

I am writing to formally express my strong opposition to the proposed monument arch project currently under consideration.

While I deeply respect the intent to honor American history, I believe this project is misguided for several important reasons:

First, the financial climate does not support this expenditure. At a time when American families and small businesses are facing significant economic hardship, allocating taxpayer funds to a large-scale decorative monument is fiscally irresponsible and tone-deaf to the struggles many citizens are enduring.

Second, this project is simply not a necessity. The National Mall already features some of the most iconic and beloved monuments in the world. Additional infrastructure of this nature does not serve a meaningful public need and does not justify the cost.

Third, and perhaps most critically, the proposed arch risks obstructing the sightlines and visual integrity of existing monuments that have stood for generations. These structures are part of our shared national heritage, and any construction that diminishes the experience of visiting them should be carefully reconsidered — if not abandoned entirely.

I urge decision-makers to prioritize the responsible use of public funds, preserve the existing character of our national landmarks, and redirect these resources toward initiatives that provide tangible benefit to the American people.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments.

Name: Holly Housh
Date: May 26, 2026 11:07:07 pm

What a disgusting project. There are many reasons to oppose the arch and I can't find one to support it. 1. Money better spent when it can perform for people and provide a benefit. 2 Clear Nazi symbol whose symbolism represents everything that Americans fight against 3. Pure vanity. A vanity project to please one person who has nothing for military and veterans. 4. Corrupt procurement and tendering process that does not follow process. I would like to think karma and our democracy will save us but there is not one redeeming feature.

Name: Terrie Tiegs
Date: May 26, 2026 11:07:18 pm

I think this arch is a huge distraction from the beauty and aesthetics of the area. It would be ashamed to ruin the area that pays tribute to our great leaders and service members who have died defending our democracy. It would be a gigantic, gaudy, self aggrandizing arch for an idiotic megalomaniac. Please keep our Capitol free of Trump's garbage.

Thank you.

Name: Cynthia May
Date: May 26, 2026 11:12:11 pm

I dislike the location and scale of the arch. NOTHING should ever detract from Arlington National Cemetery. This is too sacred a site! Also, the scale seems so excessive as to be gaudy. I think this could and should be revised to be more appropriate.

Name: Melinda Russell
Date: May 26, 2026 11:13:15 pm

Please forbid the construction of the Monumental Arch.
It would dwarf the Lincoln Memorial, which would be disrespectful.
It would disrupt the current harmonious viewshed.
It would hugely detract from the current connection between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and the former home of the Commander of the Army of Northern Virginia, General Robert E. Lee,

Name: Ann Harlow
Date: May 26, 2026 11:14:23 pm

I believe that the proposed arch is inappropriate to the setting, out of scale, and would be waste of taxpayer money.

Name: Linda Vigdor
Date: May 26, 2026 11:30:38 pm

I am writing to document my opposition to the proposed Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle. The Arch, as proposed, would interfere with Arlington National Cemetery; it goes against its hallowed character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers. The proposed arch is inappropriate as it both symbolically and aesthetically in opposition to our shared history, the space, and the public who visit the site. Moreover, the funds would be far better spent either on much needed infrastructure, health care, science research, and education.

Name: Rebecca Rupp
Date: May 26, 2026 11:32:24 pm

Our nation's capitol is a treasury of history, carefully curated for many years to preserve our long legacy of democratic values. Certainly it has evolved over time - but never without caution and consensus. Under the current administration, which respects neither, the Rose Garden has been paved over and turned into a club patio; the East Wing of the White House has been demolished; the Oval Office has been tricked out in gaudy gold tat reminiscent of a brothel; the Reflecting Pool is being converted to a bright-blue motel swimming pool - and there's a move to build a 250-foot monumental arch, towering over all, dwarfing the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. (And topped, of course, in yet more gold.) While tastes inevitably differ, Donald Trump's is stunningly out of step with all that has gone before - and it has been inflicted on all of us with no appreciation or recognition of our joint heritage. The expense aside - and given the state of the majority of the country, there are better places to put taxpayer money - this is a vanity project of unspeakable proportions in every sense of the word. One man's demented ego has no business rebuilding Washington, DC.

Name: Vernon Rose
Date: May 26, 2026 11:47:37 pm

NO. MONUMENT.....NOT THERE....NOT ANYWHERE

Name: Debbie Glaser Quinn
Date: May 26, 2026 11:51:45 pm

No president should have the power or authority to erect a monument to THEMSELVES in our Nation's Capitol, ESPECIALLY in the area proposed which is carefully planned and historically important.

Trump's proposed arch is an UNEARNED honor and would mar the view of truly justified monuments to great leaders.

One man's hubris and insecurity should not be allowed to ruin the view and the area for everyone else.

Please do not allow this mockery to come to fruition.

Name: Tracy Molyneux
Date: May 26, 2026 11:53:16 pm

American tax dollars should not be used for the vanity building of arch D Trump. That is waste Fraud and Abuse of American tax dollars!!
It also will interrupt the flow and anesthetics to the Arlington Cemetery

Name: James Ward
Date: May 26, 2026 11:57:28 pm

It obscures the Arlington cemetery as you cross the bridge and takes away from the solemnness of fallen heros. It is not necessary and is a complete waste of taxpayer money.

Name: Sheryl Weersing
Date: May 26, 2026 11:58:50 pm

Please, please, please do not allow this hideous arch to be built. It is a total vanity project and disrespectful to those buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Name: Lorraine Hickey
Date: May 27, 2026 12:10:45 am

No way should any funds be used for this grotesque monument to a PEDOPHILE CONVICTED FELON. STAND up and say NO for All Americans. Where are we after 250 YEARS

Name: Laura Hoyt
Date: May 27, 2026 12:10:50 am

As someone who has traveled to DC and taken in our beautiful monuments and traveled to Europe, I do not think that we need an arch. I do not want my tax dollars going towards an arch when it could be funding things like healthcare, child care, paid parental leave, environmental protections, and so much more.

Name: Susan Zarbo
Date: May 27, 2026 12:14:38 am

I cannot even believe that this commission can seriously entertain Trump's "memorial" arch. It is nothing more than a monument to himself. Even more hideously, it echoes a Nazi monument. As an 8th grade teacher, I led many trips to our nation's capital city, where we visited both the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. To allow the placement of this arch to distort the view line from the Lincoln Memorial to the hillside where JFK himself chose his gravesite would be a travesty. Please, please, do not allow Trump to deface our capital city even more than he already has.

Name: Ruth Schoenbach
Date: May 27, 2026 12:24:16 am

I urge the commission to honor the historic significance of the Arlington National Cemetery and Lincoln Memorial. I believe that both would be desecrated by the horrific arch being proposed as a vanity project to a man who is an embarrassment to our nation's domestic and international standing.

Name: Angie Miller
Date: May 27, 2026 12:25:19 am

I do not think this Arch is necessary given the current deficit and costs of war. We need to take care of the people first.

Name: karen sandlin
Date: May 27, 2026 12:26:58 am

This arch is another vanity project for Trump. Our national debt is skyrocketing and we can not afford this extravagance. Also It will disrupt the peaceful observing of the Arlington Cemetery to satisfy the ego of a draft dodger who has sacrificed NOTHING for our country. At a time when many Americans have to decide between medicine or food and live paycheck to paycheck this decorative monstrosity is completely unnecessary! Instead of spending more taxpayer money on tributes to trump, this administration should be focused on reducing the national debt and ensuring the continuation of Social Security and Medicare payments. And the strengthening of our country's infrastructure. These are things that benefit our citizens I strongly oppose this innecessary and expensive monument to Trumps insatiable ego

Name: Emily Kolsky
Date: May 27, 2026 12:42:44 am

The new monumental triumphal arch should not be approved. It interferes with the existing commemorative work and is a waste of tax payer dollars.

Name: Lynne Likens
Date: May 27, 2026 12:45:06 am

The location chosen is disruptive. Also, aren't memorials created out of respect for the passing of important persons? DJT is creating his own memorial while he is still alive, how bizarre is that? Please reject this blatant misuse of our tax monies. Please reject this lack of decorum and retain the historic integrity of the area.

Name: Meg McCormick
Date: May 27, 2026 12:56:16 am

He'll no! That proposed arch is an abomination! It's grotesquely over sized, a complete distraction from the current beautiful view, and gaudy with the stupid gold crap. Stop wasting our money and destroying our beautiful capital!

Name: Pam Hooley
Date: May 27, 2026 12:59:41 am

I absolutely oppose the construction and installation of the poorly designed, outsized, garish arch that has been proposed for Memorial Circle on the G.W. Memorial Parkway, near Arlington National Cemetery, along the Potomac River. I have been past that area many times during visits to DC throughout my life. The proposed arch is wholly inappropriate for so many reasons, not the least of which that it is out of scale and an absolutely unnecessary waste of taxpayer dollars and public resources.

As the National Trust for Historic Preservation has explained, the proposed arch will interrupt the sublime relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, the Arlington Memorial Bridge, Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. This area was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south. The proposed arch would disrupt the long, open, and uninterrupted views that were thoughtfully engineered years ago, and overwhelm the entry to Arlington National Cemetery, where our nation's heroes and heroines have been laid to rest. And, incredibly, the proposed arch is an abomination that would dwarf the Lincoln Memorial.

In conclusion, the proposed arch should not be built because its scale, location, and design would unnecessarily undermine and disrupt this profoundly important, indeed sacred, visual and symbolic vista in our nation's capital.

Name: Jailyne Ojeda
Date: May 27, 2026 1:02:07 am

This is the stupidest thing I have ever seen.

Name: Karen Trujillo
Date: May 27, 2026 1:04:35 am

Dear committee,

I am opposed to the new arch in Washington DC. Our country is deeply in debt, Americans are hungry and struggling to put food on the table keep gas in the car and cover healthcare expenses.

We do not need another national monument at this time in our country. Don't waste taxpayer dollars. Trump has already wasted enough dollars as it is.

Sincerely
Karen Trujillo

Name: Andrew Olson
Date: May 27, 2026 1:10:56 am

The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.

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.

Please do not allow this monstrosity to be built.

Name: Rosemarie Muscolo
Date: May 27, 2026 1:38:33 am

just NO!! This is yet another affront to the nation. A waste of money and a blight in the landscape!

Name: CHRISTINE KOOI
Date: May 27, 2026 2:04:40 am

I am appalled that this monstrosity is even being seriously considered; it is a vanity project. If constructed it will be a blight on the Mall. I urge this monument NOT be built.

Name: Sue Warn
Date: May 27, 2026 2:18:12 am

Please don't allow this monument to narcissism to be built, ruining yet another important area in our nation's capitol. Why isn't he stopped? Please do something. The reflecting pool is bad enough and will take a lot of money to restore when he is gone.

Name: Jane Anderson
Date: May 27, 2026 2:33:27 am

I have grave concern about the size, scale, location and design of the proposed arch. I urge you to reject this proposal or, at the very least, to require it to be downsized, reworked and relocated. As currently designed, it will be out of proportion to other monuments and will interfere with view corridors and general enjoyment of other sites in the area.

Name: Victoria Moore
Date: May 27, 2026 2:35:11 am

Stop this now!
Trump only wants to advertise himself.

We do not need to spend money on his vanity project!
Spend it on SNAP, HEALTHCARE & something that benefits our Society.

Trump is unfit for the prestigious position of President

Name: Mary Blatchford
Date: May 27, 2026 3:13:42 am

Oppose the construction of this Arch. It disrupts sightlines to major memorials, is out of scale, and is an unnecessary expenditure during a time when we are cutting back financial support to critical areas like science/medical research and support for national parks.

Name: Lisa Quaintance
Date: May 27, 2026 3:17:34 am

I oppose this arch as it it disrespectful to our service members.

Name: Shannon Craycraft
Date: May 27, 2026 3:18:33 am

I absolutely do not consent to this new arch or its placement. It is a waste of taxpayer money.

Name: Andrea Jones
Date: May 27, 2026 4:33:21 am

This project will destroy the beautiful historic landscape of D.C. as we know it. I do not want my taxpayer money going to this project!!

Name: Deb Lundgren-Walls
Date: May 27, 2026 4:56:52 am

As a current military spouse and the daughter of a military family that has served this country for generations, I deeply understand dedication, sacrifice, and patriotism. However, now is not the time for a large-scale memorial project like the proposed Trump arch, especially while costly projects and ongoing military conflicts already place enormous strain on public resources. As a healthcare worker, I see firsthand how urgently Americans need investment in affordable housing, healthcare access, and support services for working families and veterans. Those priorities would better serve the people of this country than a monument centered on one political figure.

America was founded on the principle of government by the people and for the people. We honor our presidents through service, democracy, and accountability — not through grand displays that resemble personal glorification. This arch is unnecessary, and I urge the committee to redirect these funds toward the real needs of the American people.

Name: MORINE CROCKETT
Date: May 27, 2026 5:11:02 am

There is ZERO justification for this proposed arch.

The current president has already declared that it's to be a monument to himself. Hasn't he ruined enough of the DC area already? We don't need this monstrosity, any more than Steven Cheung needs a comb. From all that I've read, it will block the view of many important sites in DC. This president has an unhealthy obsession with putting his name on monuments and structures. Feeding his outsized, ENORMOUS ego is not something the American people should endure.

Make him stop with all of his vanity projects!

Name: Linda S. Gottschalk
Date: May 27, 2026 5:11:05 am

Hello. I wish to register that I am against the building of this proposed arch, both on financial and aesthetic grounds. Thank you.

Name: Ca Hall
Date: May 27, 2026 5:25:18 am

I would respectfully request that this arch not be built. Artistically I'm against it.

Name: Sherry Heldmann
Date: May 27, 2026 5:27:19 am

This supposed "Arch" has no business in DC amongst real ART and meaningful structures! It's a vanity project for a felon and needs to be scrapped!!!!

Name: Julie Molloy
Date: May 27, 2026 5:28:38 am

The Arch is an abomination and should NOT be approved or built. It is inappropriate and an unnecessary expenditure of taxpayer funds, and more egregiously, will block the view honoring the dead. Do not approve the arch.

Name: Patricia Freeman
Date: May 27, 2026 5:37:15 am

Having grown up in Arlington, with a Dad working on Capital Hill, I have viewed the entry into DC many times. A Memorial Arch of that magnitude would be a blight on the view. Also, we never have installed a monument to a living person that I know of. Thirdly, Trump has not earned this honor. Please do all you can to block this travesty before it is too late. Thank you!

Name: Toni Hall
Date: May 27, 2026 5:40:28 am

And why do we need to spend money on this when our citizens can't afford groceries, have no health care, homeless vets, failing infrastructure , etc? Stop wasting taxpayer money!

Name: Patricia Mayernik
Date: May 27, 2026 5:42:13 am

Just say "NO."

The new Monumental Arch is overly large for the space and will detract from other existing memorial arches. It does not conform to the actual established guidelines that are being twisted into an excuse for this vanity project. Just because we're celebrating 250 years this summer does not mean that we need to make an object be 250 feet tall - that is yet another excuse in order to make something big and then guild it. Babies do not always get what they want at the taxpayers expense.

Name: Cathy Curtis
Date: May 27, 2026 5:44:10 am

I think the Vietnam Vets have said it best - no arch to honor a draft dodger! No Arch at all.

Name: Julianne Miles
Date: May 27, 2026 5:44:26 am

This is a vanity project, not a legitimate monument. Future generations will judge us harshly for building this vanity arch and will undoubtedly have to spend money to tear it down to restore our beloved capital to its former glory. Don't do this. All of the historical reasons need not be revisited here. You know why it's a bad idea. I just want to add my own condemnation to the list. I am a woman veteran. My name is one of thousands listed in the women in military service memorial, a thoughtful and respectful addition to Arlington National Cemetery, not a gaudy vanity project for a ... well I won't say it here, but you know.

Name: Corinne Woodworth
Date: May 27, 2026 5:56:38 am

What is the purpose of this arch? Does it honor a former president whose contributions to the development of our country deserve commemoration like the Washington and Lincoln monuments? It does not.

Is the design original? It appears to be a replica of the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, which is beautiful in its originality and architectural integrity, placed specifically on a meaningful site in a way that enhances both its beauty and the beauty of the area around it. This does not.

The Washington Monument, the Lincoln Monument and the Arc de Triomphe all serve a purpose. This ridiculous monstrosity is nothing but a vanity project for a man who has no concept of design, placement, or appropriateness.

Please do not waste taxpayer dollars building this. Or make it of cardboard, so that when this sham administration is gone, we can easily tear it down.

Name: Leslie Howe
Date: May 27, 2026 5:57:29 am

I am against the proposed Monumental Arch. The current view from Arlington toward the Lincoln Memorial should be open and unobstructed. Conversely, the view from the Reflecting pool and Lincoln Memorial toward Arlington should allow for clear line of sight. The proposed Arch is not anything that celebrated the men and women who lie in honor at Arlington. In fact, the gaudy and ostentatious Arch will be a jarring note in the landscape. As a USAF veteran I am appalled that this monstrosity is being considered. DON'T build the arch.

Name: Jeffrey Harrison
Date: May 27, 2026 6:02:45 am

Please don't allow this corrupt pedifile to to disgrace our country and capital with this gaudy arch!!!!

Name: Wendy Gaylord
Date: May 27, 2026 6:03:20 am

I would like to register my negative response to the proposed Gateway Arch. I agree with the comments of the National Trust for Historic Preservation critiquing aspects of the project, as per their letter:
Re: CFA 21/MAY/26-1
Memorial Circle, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Washington, DC.
New Monumental Arch. Revised Concept.

Wait until the President is dead before memorializing him. Then create a modest and historically appropriate addition to our nation's capital.

Name: Cynthia Varamo
Date: May 27, 2026 6:21:39 am

This project is a vanity project and should not be allowed, especially since it is funded by taxpayers
This will also impede the visual look of the area and views for traffic.

Name: Rita Radostitz
Date: May 27, 2026 6:22:00 am

I write in opposition to the vanity project proposed by the Trump administration creating a monumental arch that will obscure the view of Arlington Cemetery. For almost a decade, I drove from my home in NW DC over to Crystal City for my job with the Department of Defense. And every day as I drove past the Lincoln Memorial and turned onto the bridge, I would look up and see the flags above Arlington Cemetery (too often at half staff) and the gravestones lined up reminding me of all who sacrificed to make this country the greatest democracy in the world. Please do not ruin that. Please honor those who have served and made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure that We the People can continue to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity. Those are the values our country was founded on. The "monumental trumpian arch" does nothing to support the Constitution nor is it a good and proper use of taxpayer funds. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Name: Patricia Anderson
Date: May 27, 2026 6:28:07 am

A "Trump Arch" will destroy the visual landscape of Arlington and diminish the impact of the Lincoln Memorial. It is a waste of money for an unneeded eyesore.

Name: Sonia von Heijne
Date: May 27, 2026 6:31:07 am

As a historian, I am concerned that the rather large structure proposed will interrupt the view and relationship between the Lincoln Memorial across the river to Arlington Cemetery. I see no purpose in it because it's not commemorating someone who's died, nor relating to particular occasion. There is also the cost of the structure and its maintenance - who is paying for all that? Respectfully submitted and thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Name: NICOLE BOLLINGER
Date: May 27, 2026 6:34:14 am

If constructed as planned at the proposed location, the new Triumphal Arch will obscure the intentional axial and aesthetic relationships between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House.

It will obscure the Arlington cemetery as you cross the bridge. Plus take away from solemnness of fallen heroes.

There is no need or meaning for the arch. It is another oversized ego project that does not fit in with the design, spirit, or aesthetics of the area. To interfere with the well planned design of the monuments, mall, and Arlington is criminal.

The man who has little respect for the military wants to obscure the view of Arlington with an ego arch.

It's going to be so heavy it will sink. We can't afford such vanity projects, we are at war!!

WE DO NOT NEED IT
AND
WE CANNOT AFFORD IT!

Also, it is entirely too reminiscent of an arch that Hitler had planned to build, that should be a sure sign that this is NOT something we want for our nation.

Name: Janice Keck
Date: May 27, 2026 6:34:17 am

NOT NECESSARY!

Name: Cathy Iansiti
Date: May 27, 2026 6:35:19 am

This arch is nothing more than a vanity project for Donald Trump. It is a slap in the face to people losing their healthcare and SNAP benefits because our government says there's no money for things that would actually help citizens. It is a slap in the face to our cherished Veterans who oppose this project. A majority of We the People don't want or need this. Please listen to us.

Name: Patricia Vanderwolf
Date: May 27, 2026 6:37:22 am

No arch. It disrupts the flow and beauty of the area.

Name: Lisa Armstrong
Date: May 27, 2026 6:38:35 am

I am writing to oppose building the Monumental Arch. The arch would be a monumental waste of money. It will be obstructive and distracting. This is a vanity project to feed the ego of a monumentally undeserving man. Do not proceed.

Regards.
Lisa

Name: Vonda Pfannenstiel
Date: May 27, 2026 6:38:40 am

I do not feel the monumental arch project should continue as is. First, we do not want a monument as an idol for a person who does not respect the women and men who have served and sacrificed for this country. Second, the scale of the project is too large. A much smaller version might be acceptable in certain circumstances. Third, the location will detract from memorials and other important areas already in place. And finally, the timing is not right. Many citizens who are facing great challenges at the hands of this administration and we are at war. We do not need to be completing vanity projects for a narcissistic president and his crazy, selfish ideas.

Name: Debra Abbott
Date: May 27, 2026 6:39:05 am

To Whom It May Concern,

To put it bluntly, this is a terrible idea and yet another waste of taxpayer's money. When did it become the President's primary job to focus on building projects and not the work that would actually help the American people. Like everything else Trump does...it does not matter what I say or any other citizen. He will just do what he wants to to with no oversight. Thank you for your time and consideration of this letter.

Name: Kathleen Comerford
Date: May 27, 2026 6:42:55 am

The Trump administration's plans to reshape Washington, DC parallel its plans to reshape the US Constitution and its hopes to rewrite US history. They are as unimpressive as they are misguided. Building an arch does not "make [anything] great." It is a monument to ego. Disrupting traffic, interrupting historical design to commemorate the reunification of the US after the Civil War, and towering over existing buildings signals only a desire to be remembered as someone who changed the landscape. The continuous disregard for existing laws, customs, traditions, and for the needs of the citizens of the US will be the true monument left behind. A garish, poorly constructed, sure-to-be-over-budget structure will insure that the current administration is remembered for its missteps, mismanagement, and misreading of what the United States means historically. It will be a triumph of MAGA will and MAGA will only.

Name: Dan Barnes
Date: May 27, 2026 6:47:25 am

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE, No arch. Congress approved the UNOBTRUSIVE columns 100 years ago but chose to not build them due to financial constraints at a time when the country had a ZERO deficit.

This proposed DISASTER not only alters sightlines but comes at a time when the DEFICIT is in excess of one trillion dollars.

I ALSO object to DONOR supported projects (at this time) knowing full well that donors to this administration expect something in return.

This project is OBVIOUSLY a disgusting ongoing manifestation of this GILDED age administration.

At an appropriate time, I WOULD support the original dual column project

I also do NOT support the UNNECESSARY Ballrom when we have a BEAUTIFUL government owned facility close by. Security arguments are ridiculous.

Name: Kristin Myers
Date: May 27, 2026 6:47:44 am

The monuments that have been established in DC have been chosen in the past to honor with class and forethought. This arch would be impeding the view of everyone at Arlington who sacrificed.

This arch is definitely not necessary or needed by anyone. And certainly not by a president who doesn't honor the fallen.

Name: Gary Pikarsky
Date: May 27, 2026 6:47:54 am

The proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery. The hallowed resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families, Arlington National Cemetery is a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice, selfless service, and national unity, all within sight of the monumental core of the Nation's Capital. Distinguished by the Tomb of the Unknowns, Memorial Avenue, and rolling hillsides of uniform rows of simple headstones, Arlington National Cemetery is a living memorial that honors thirty funeral services each day. The Arch, as proposed, would dominate Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers.

I firmly believe that the construction of the proposed arch is a direct desecration of ANC, and the hundreds of thousands of Patriotic American Soldiers who sacrificed their lives and affected the lives of each and everyone of us and should not be constructed.

Sincerely,
Gary Pikarsky
New Mexico, USA

Name: Kim Meade
Date: May 27, 2026 6:53:15 am

I am opposed to the construction of the New Monumental Arch. Having visited Washington DC numerous times, I find it to be a beautiful area which is already something we should be proud of. Obliterating the view of the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, shows disrespect to these revered monuments. I, a proud American for over 70 years, feel that this Arch is an unnecessary addition to an area created to preserve the memories of many who served our country, including those veterans who died defending the United States of America. We have a beautiful area to visit, and this excessively large arch is simply unnecessary, and out of context with the rest of the area.

Respectfully

Kim B Meade

Name: Donna Taylor
Date: May 27, 2026 6:56:35 am

This arch is not needed and is a vanity project that will destroy the historic view. Please stop the construction of this monstrosity.

Name: Joyce Mckee
Date: May 27, 2026 6:58:47 am

My family and I are very concerned about the location, height, scale, and design of the proposed Triumphal Arch, the manner in which it interferes with existing commemorative works and fails to protect existing public uses and cultural resources. It overwhelms current memorials, blocks the vista of Arlington and is inconsistent with the dignity of other memorials. Thank you for the work you do and for considering our concerns to keep our nation's capital representative of America's values.

Name: Kathleen Tozer
Date: May 27, 2026 6:59:55 am

I am opposed to this arch being built. We have many problems in this country to solve. The last thing we need is an arch in DC.

Name: Shari Goldsmith
Date: May 27, 2026 7:03:45 am

I am writing in opposition of the arch proposal, for all of the obvious and well-documented reasons. Please deny this shameful attempt by this administration to glorify and cement the legacy of a treasonous president.

Name: Karen Basile
Date: May 27, 2026 7:05:04 am

We do not need a monument to the worst president in history. Please stop him!

Name: Lisa Zimmermann
Date: May 27, 2026 7:05:29 am

Arlington National Cemetery, the Mall, the Lincoln Memorial are sacred American places for solemn reflection. We do not need an Arch that interrupts the de views and certainly we do not want one that negatively impacts the reverence inspired by the Lincoln Memorial.

Name: Susan D Plante
Date: May 27, 2026 7:07:51 am

I speak as a citizen of the USA, tax payer, teacher, librarian and visitor to Washington DC. I do not approve or want this monument. Trump , in my belief is making a mockery of our nation's history. This is one more of his efforts to turn our nation's capital into a shrine to himself. Please do not let this happen .

Name: Lindsey Talecki
Date: May 27, 2026 7:08:22 am

Please do not allow the building of this arch. Our capital was designed with intent and meaning, and we do not need a tacky arch destroying the layout and feel of our capital. Please block the construction of the arch.
Gratefully,
Lindsey Talecki

Name: Cindy Langston
Date: May 27, 2026 7:10:12 am

May 27, 2026

Re: Memorial Circle, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Washington, DC. New Monumental Arch

My name is Cindy Langston and I am a resident of the state of Kentucky. I respectfully submit the following comments concerning the current proposal by the Executive Office of the President and the U.S. Department of the Interior to construct a new Triumphal Arch at Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. I urge the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts ("CFA") to consider these comments in connection with its responsibility under the Commemorative Works Act, following consultation with the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission, to approve site and design proposals for commemorative works so that such works do not "interfere with, or encroach on, an existing commemorative work and to the maximum extent practicable, protect open space, existing public use, and cultural and natural resources." I would also remind the members of the CFA that the Commemorative Works Act requires the project to be approved by Congress.

The location of the proposed Arch, at Memorial Circle, will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscape vistas in Washington, DC, the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed with a low profile to respect the visual and symbolic vistas connecting the National Mall and National Cemetery. If constructed as planned at the proposed location, the new Triumphal Arch will obscure the intentional axial and aesthetic relationships between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House.

I am also deeply concerned about the unprecedented height and scale of the proposed Triumphal Arch, which will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House. The proposed Arch would be double the size of the Lincoln Memorial and would risk disrespecting this powerful and beloved monument. As such, the Triumphal Arch is inconsistent with the McMillan Plan and subsequent planning decisions that have stewarded the National Mall as a unified composition characterized by long, open, and uninterrupted viewsheds, with a clear hierarchy of monumental elements, that culminates at its western end at the Lincoln Memorial.

In addition, the proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery. The hallowed resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families, Arlington National Cemetery is a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice, selfless service, and national unity, all within sight of the monumental core of the Nation's Capital. Distinguished by the Tomb of the Unknowns, Memorial Avenue, and rolling hillsides of uniform rows of simple headstones, Arlington National Cemetery is a living memorial that honors thirty funeral services each day. The Arch, as proposed, would dominate Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers.

Finally, it is important to note that review of the proposal under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act has not yet been initiated. We understand that the National Park Service will be initiating Section 106 consultation soon, but the statute mandates that the review process be completed "prior to" approval of the project. 54 U.S.C. § 306108. In addition, based on past experience with Section 106 consultation in the National Capitol region, the proposed plans will be improved in response to the collaborative review and comments from the expert professional staff of the involved agencies, including the Commission itself. We urge the Commission members to await the Section 106 process, which has not yet been initiated.

I come from a very long line of military members and feel great honor and pride at the service they have provided to our country. Let us please continue to show our respect for the sacrifices that have been given to our country and honor the women and men who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Thank you for considering my views on this historic matter.

Sincerely,

Cindy Langston

Name: Chris Tully
Date: May 27, 2026 7:10:20 am

I strongly urge that you disallow the planned large arch near the Arlington Bridge. This structure will block the historically important view between Arlington Cemetery, Arlington House and the Lincoln Memorial. The Capital was purposely designed to provide focus on historic sights and I am opposed to changes driven by the whims of one. A majority of American citizens do not want this frivolous vanity project and the National Trust for Historic Preservation should reject it.

Name: Julie Aloisio
Date: May 27, 2026 7:12:33 am

This project poses serious esthetic and moral issues. The funding of such an unnecessary and costly project while the country is embroiled in an ongoing and illegal war is unconscionable.
I and many others are firmly against this project.

Name: Barbara Eck
Date: May 27, 2026 7:14:05 am

No Arch.
1. It's Ugly
2. Taxpayer Money Should Be Spent On People
3. It Will Minimize The Other Monuments

Name: Kelly Clark
Date: May 27, 2026 7:14:49 am

This monument is neither needed nor necessary. It's a waste of my taxpayer dollars to promote one man, not built any other reason. I do not want this constructed in our beautiful Washington DC monument area. It is too large, and too expensive, and totally unnecessary. Need another reason? It's a copy of something that already exists. We will look like even bigger fools for copying the arch in France.
Please remove this item from consideration.

Name: Susan Romeo
Date: May 27, 2026 7:15:02 am

There are clearly expressed concerns about the aesthetics and appropriateness of the proposed arch in the stated location. It interrupts the intentional relationship of the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington, as well as disrespecting the memories of the soldiers buried at Arlington.

In addition during a time of financial crisis where families are struggling to buy groceries, put gas in their vehicles or obtain housing and healthcare this is a grossly irresponsible use of money.

Name: Laura Thurman
Date: May 27, 2026 7:15:11 am

I am horrified by the idea of this arch. It's scale and location deliberately try to trivialize the Lincoln Memorial and its connection to Arlington National Cemetery. This administration is deliberately ignorant of our nation's history and the importance of the Civil War in the creation of our national character.
The arch is a crass, vulgar waste of money. Nearly all of our National Parks suffer from deferred maintenance and yet this administration proposes to waste millions of dollars on this nonsense. I hope that mature minds prevail and this arch is never constructed.

Name: Mary Kay Trail
Date: May 27, 2026 7:15:58 am

This is unnecessary expense and not in line with the other monuments that are there. It will detract and overshadow and is a complete waste of money. Stop this nonsense and do not build this.

Name: Laura Hofmann
Date: May 27, 2026 7:16:23 am

I am writing to urge you to oppose the proposed Triumphal Arch near Arlington Memorial Bridge and Memorial Circle. This project poses an irreversible threat to one of the most historically and symbolically significant landscapes in the United States.
The planned location sits at the heart of a profound national viewshed — the visual and symbolic axis connecting the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. This vista was intentionally designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south. It is not merely scenic; it is a carefully considered expression of national unity and healing. No new structure should be permitted to sever that connection.

At 250 feet tall, the proposed arch would dwarf the Lincoln Memorial and overwhelm the long, open sightlines that define this part of Washington. It would obstruct the entry to Arlington National Cemetery — the hallowed resting place of over 400,000 veterans and their families, a place that stands as one of the most powerful reminders of American military sacrifice and service. These veterans deserve an unobstructed, dignified approach to their resting place, not a towering arch blocking the view. The public has spoken clearly. During the Commission of Fine Arts' May 2026 hearing, commissioners were told that 99.5% of the more than 600 public comments submitted opposed this structure. I urge the NCPC to honor that overwhelming public sentiment. Preserving Washington's monumental landscape is not about resisting change — it is about protecting the civic and historical meaning embedded in this city's design. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has raised serious concerns about this project's scale, location, and design for exactly these reasons, and I stand with them. I respectfully urge the Commission to reject this proposal and protect the irreplaceable character of our Nation's Capital.

Name: Amy Miller
Date: May 27, 2026 7:17:10 am

Do not review this project because it has not completed its section 106 review. Follow your procedures and the review requirements

Second as presented today the project should be rejected for many reasons but here are two: It's too large and it blocks views. At double the size of the Lincoln memorial it will block views and detract from Arlington National cemetery.

Thank you
Amy

Name: Mary Lundregan
Date: May 27, 2026 7:17:17 am

The idea of this arch is bad enough. This location is absolutely a terrible place for it. The construction impacts alone will create significant adverse impacts. The obstruction of the sight lines from DC to VA disregards all sense of history and original intent. Please stop the building of this arch!

Name: Adele Medved
Date: May 27, 2026 7:18:41 am

The costly construction of this gaudy arch not only distracts from the beauty and solemnity of Arlington National Cemetery, but is a waste of taxpayer money.

Name: Rita McKenzie-Anderson
Date: May 27, 2026 7:19:07 am

Please do not build this arch for the following reasons:
1. It does not respect veterans, as evidenced by veterans's groups opposing it. It interferes with the ability to view the entrance to the cemetery.
2. It blocks sitelines.
3. The country does not need it.
4. The country cannot afford it.
5. Concerns have been expressed about how it will affect traffic safety and airspace.

Name: Lora Ackerman
Date: May 27, 2026 7:19:20 am

The size and scale of this arch will be a giant boil on the landscape of DC. Do not allow this vanity project to proceed.

Name: Ellen Peric
Date: May 27, 2026 7:20:27 am

This proposed arch is the most obscene thing ever proposed by a President....well except for the deranged ballroom. Why would such a monstrosity be allowed? It is totally out of character with the monuments it will tower over. It belongs in a country under the rule of a dictator who must promote themselves as Gods to the masses. Please save and protect our beautiful and sacred mall.
Ellen Peric

Name: Elizabeth Lascelle
Date: May 27, 2026 7:20:50 am

The proposed arch is garish and unnecessary. It would destroy the thoughtful and purposeful layout of Washington's other monuments. The size, the positioning, the location, the design -- all of it is awful and disruptive. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS PROJECT TO GO FORWARD.

Name: Kathy Roland
Date: May 27, 2026 7:22:47 am

Why are you bowing down to this FELON! Where is your patriotism and respect for our fallen heros? This whole thing IS DISGUSTING!

Name: Sharon Zube
Date: May 27, 2026 7:23:10 am

I do not want to see an ugly arch put up at Arlington. It is a sacred place for anyone of us who lost loved ones to war. It would obstruct views and disturb the peacefulness of the area during construction. My answer is a BIG NO!

Name: Mary Jane Pernaa
Date: May 27, 2026 7:23:34 am

Please do not allow President Trump to build the Arch. There is no need for it, and it will destroy the sightlines from the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington National Cemetery. Our country has lasted for 250 years without one, and we can do without this one.

Thank you for your consideration.

M. J. Pernaa

Name: Susan Monroe
Date: May 27, 2026 7:24:34 am

Trump is required to get Congress's approval for this horrible, outsized arch. This arch will destroy the continuity between Arlington Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial... all because Trump needs yet another taxpayer funded, tacky reminder that he can use taxpayer funds for any overblown piece of architecture he wants. It's past time to say no to him

Name: Patricia Wardwell
Date: May 27, 2026 7:29:30 am

I do not want one cent of taxpayer money to support current or future aspects of this project. It has not gone through the proper channels in terms of development of national landmarks and is an embarrassment to our country.

Name: Laura Baird
Date: May 27, 2026 7:30:36 am

I am writing express my grave concern about the proposed memorial arch. Its size and placement are not in harmony with the rest of our iconic, historic monuments. It doesn't feel right or necessary to put time, energy or money into such a project like this. It seems lacking in historical or cultural relevance.
Thank you.
Laura Baird
Wethersfield, CT

Name: Linda Poulin
Date: May 27, 2026 7:32:08 am

I am 100% against building this monumental arch. First and foremost, our government cannot expend funds when there are children and elderly who are going without food, shelter, insurance. Second, this is a monument planned to honor a convicted felon, possible rapist, liar, and the list goes on and on. Third, it is garishly ugly. Very poor design and taste. If you decide to move forward with this ridiculous monstrosity, then shame on all of you.

Name: Jason Lang
Date: May 27, 2026 7:32:09 am

My fellow Americans,
In 2009, I sat on the backside of the Lincoln memorial facing Arlington national cemetery. My daughters were with me. They were ages 9 and 13. We sat in wonder, watching the sun go down. And then as darkness emerged, we could see the eternal flame of Kennedy's grave.
My fellow Americans that will be making the decision to build this arch. Please do not ruin that view. Please do not build a triumphal arch that stands for nothing but the decay of our nation. That is the only thing it will ever mean to me and my daughters. That is the story we will pass on through time.
Sincerely,
Jason Lang
A Fellow American

Name: Ruth Parr
Date: May 27, 2026 7:32:10 am

I strongly oppose the proposed Triumphal Arch at Memorial Circle and urge the Commission to reject this inappropriate and self-serving proposal.

Washington's monumental core and Arlington National Cemetery are sacred national spaces meant to honor the sacrifices, service, and memory of Americans who came before us — not to serve as stages for political vanity projects tied to living presidents or current administrations. Monuments of this scale and symbolism should emerge from broad national consensus and historical perspective over time, not from the ambitions or image-building efforts of those currently in power.

The proposed Arch would permanently damage one of the most important symbolic landscapes in the United States. Its massive height and scale would overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, obstruct the historic relationship between Arlington Memorial Bridge and Arlington House, and intrude upon the solemn character of Arlington National Cemetery. The simplicity, dignity, and quiet reverence of Arlington stand in direct contrast to the oversized and triumphalist nature of this proposal.

At a time when Americans are struggling with rising costs, housing affordability, infrastructure needs, veterans' care, and other pressing national priorities, the Administration should focus on helping the American people rather than pursuing grandiose monument projects designed to elevate political legacy and spectacle.

The proposal also appears to be advancing before completion of the legally required Section 106 historic preservation review process. That alone should halt further consideration until full public consultation and preservation review are completed.

This proposal is historically inappropriate, visually destructive, fiscally irresponsible, and fundamentally inconsistent with the purpose and character of the nation's most sacred commemorative spaces. It should be rejected in its entirety.

Name: Michele Farmer
Date: May 27, 2026 7:33:08 am

This arch is a disgrace. It is disrespectful of the dignity that should be shown to our fallen veterans interred at Arlington. In addition, it is tacky and honors a man that has done nothing but bring shame to our country. Donald Trump has encouraged cruelty, violence, and racism. He has embarrassed this country and the office of the president. There definitely should NOT be any kind of memorial to him. The taxpayers have had enough of the waste.

Name: Donn Coutts
Date: May 27, 2026 7:33:15 am

I am confused. I hear this project called The Triumphal Arch, and here it is referred to as the New Monumental Arch. In either case, this space is not about Triumph, nor Monument. It is about Reconciliation, and, as such, the scale and design are wholly inconsistent with this space.

Thank you for your consideration.

Donn Coutts.
Richmond, Virginia

Name: Pauline Rogers
Date: May 27, 2026 7:33:24 am

I am extremely concerned about the proposed arch, how it interrupts the view of Arlington Cemetery and frames the former residence of a Confederate officer.

The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House.

One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.

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.

Name: Amy Erlbacher Anderson
Date: May 27, 2026 7:35:46 am

I have visited DC many times and always make a point to complete a run of the entire monument area. One of the most stunning and impactful places is the view of the Lincoln Memorial from Arlington Cemetery. It is a deep and meaningful placement and view that should remain, always, just as it is.

Name: dawn schroeder
Date: May 27, 2026 7:36:48 am

I am writing to let you know I oppose the building of this arch in its proposed site. Arlington National Cemetery is a hallowed site that I was lucky enough to visit. The beauty and solemnity of this site should not be overshadowed and overwhelmed by this arch, Please do not allow this to proceed and protect Arlington.

Name: Juliana Sheffield
Date: May 27, 2026 7:37:41 am

The proposed arch is an abomination and should never be started.

Name: Neile King
Date: May 27, 2026 7:37:58 am

The District of Columbia and its monuments are sacred to our American democracy. Placement of a new arch, out of context and character with all the other carefully designed and rendered elements around it, would be a desecration. Please do not approve the construction of this arch.

Name: Kara White
Date: May 27, 2026 7:38:11 am

I agree with the following comments by National Trust for Historic Preservation and implore you to reconsider the height, scope and location of this project.: “The proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery. The hallowed resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families, Arlington National Cemetery is a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice, selfless service, and national unity, all within sight of the monumental core of the Nation’s Capital. Distinguished by the Tomb of the Unknowns, Memorial Avenue, and rolling hillsides of uniform rows of simple headstones, Arlington National Cemetery is a living memorial that honors thirty funeral services each day. The Arch, as proposed, would dominate Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers”.

In addition, a monument to a living president is unprecedented in American society and firmly against what the Founding Fathers believed. We are a nation born of a revolution that freed us from rule by monarchs. As we near our 250th anniversary, I find it especially important to be reminded of, and for us to honor, the history under which our great Nation and Constitution was founded. It is a time for us to come together in a celebration of the ideals that formed this Nation and abide by those principles.

Name: Lori Savoie
Date: May 27, 2026 7:38:30 am

The Arch does not need to be in this location. It will change and misconstrue the significance of the sites already designed for that area. It will also disrespect those who have come before us.

Finally, it is important to note that review of the proposal under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act has not yet been initiated. We understand that the National Park Service will be initiating Section 106 consultation soon, but the statute mandates that the review process be completed “prior to” approval of the project. 54 U.S.C. § 306108. In addition, based on past experience with Section 106 consultation in the National Capitol region, the proposed plans will be improved in response to the collaborative review and

comments from the expert professional staff of the involved agencies, including the Commission itself. We urge the Commission members to await the Section 106 process, which has not yet been initiated.

Name: Deborah McFalone
Date: May 27, 2026 7:40:57 am

i strongly object to any planning, funding, or additional actions going forward to construct the monumental arch in Washington, DC. The gaudy and inappropriate monument structure will ruin the meaningful view and historical significance of the current landscape, which has provided a rich experience for citizens who visit our nation's capital. We need no more reminders of this corrupt, incompetent and divisive administration whose cruelty and hideous character are already wreaking havoc on the lives of Americans, as well as our global reputation for being the enduring symbol of democracy to the world.

Name: Tim Baldwin
Date: May 27, 2026 7:41:08 am

This is another crass desecration of our nation's capitol. First the Rose Garden, then the East Wing, then the Reflecting Pool, and now this? How many more vanity projects are you going to grant to an obviously classless President with no appreciation for this carefully planned and constructed Capitol? There is zero basis for this monument to vanity. A "joke" at Arlington on Memorial Day, and now another joke and slap to those 400,000 soldiers and their families. Please kill this project.

Name: Marie Allen
Date: May 27, 2026 7:41:27 am

The concept and location of this monumental arch are faulty. The cost is prohibitive especially as Americans are having personal financial challenges. When asked who the proposed monumental arch would honor, Donald Trump simply pointed at himself and replied: "Me". This is Tump self-serving spending. I do not support the building of the arch.

Name: Nancy Barnes
Date: May 27, 2026 7:42:51 am

I oppose building the monumental arch. This arch would block Arlington Cemetery and the Lincoln memorial, which I believe might be their plan. The National Mall was designed over many years with years of planning for each addition. This is sacrilege. This is a desecration of the People's rights and an area viewed by many as honored ground.

I have visited Washington DC only twice in my life, and I was awed by the layout of the city and the beautiful walking trails and the respect shown for the statues and the monuments. These monuments take years of planning. They are not thrown up on the whim of one man. They are planned carefully, money raised and then constructed with all the due respect that they deserve.

I am almost 70 years old. I have watched our country change over time. Some great things have happened but many, many awful things have, too. We cannot allow this arch to be built.

Name: Tracy Ballesteros
Date: May 27, 2026 7:43:29 am

strongly encourage the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) to vote no on the proposed Monumental Arch.

The open space between Arlington National Cemetery, the Arlington Memorial Bridge, and the Lincoln Memorial was intentionally designed to provide a solemn, respectful, and unobstructed view shed befitting one of our nation's most sacred commemorative landscapes. This space was never intended to be developed or visually dominated by a new monumental structure.

The Memorial Circle serves an important civic and symbolic purpose and should remain open and undeveloped. Introducing a large memorial arch into this setting would fundamentally alter the historic character and visual integrity of the landscape, diminishing the dignity and contemplative nature of the area. Once this precedent is set, the integrity of this nationally significant memorial corridor becomes increasingly vulnerable to future encroachment.

In addition to concerns about historical intent and preservation, the proposal raises serious questions regarding public safety and infrastructure impacts. Under ordinary planning and compliance practices, a comprehensive traffic and visitor impact study would be essential. The location already experiences heavy vehicular, pedestrian, bicycle, and ceremonial traffic. Adding a major tourist destination at this highly constrained intersection creates foreseeable safety and congestion concerns that should not be minimized.

The plan to construct a memorial arch in this location is fundamentally inconsistent with the intended purpose, historic character, and respectful solemnity of this landscape. I respectfully urge the NCPC to reject this proposal and vote no.

Name: Ellen Bromfield
Date: May 27, 2026 7:45:13 am

I oppose the building of the proposed Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway, near Arlington National Cemetery and along the Potomac River.

The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House.

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.

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.

The Arch is solely for the purpose of boosting the ego of a very small-minded man who is want of integrity. Please do not allow tihs monstrosity to progress.

Name: MaryBeth Mansfield
Date: May 27, 2026 7:46:45 am

Our nation's capitol is becoming unrecognizable. I don't think most people find the golden, gaudy trumpeting of the White House to be fitting since our history has never worshipped at the Versailles altar. All the changes he is pushing are to pump up his fragile ego. The wrestling ring at the White House is a disgrace. All the money be spent to glorify the Trump could be better spent in many ways!

Name: Annie Duguay
Date: May 27, 2026 7:47:06 am

The circle near Arlington Cemetery is hallowed ground and provides an intended space for thoughtful reflection between Lincoln and those that perished for our country. Adding something "triumphal" is a disgrace to their memory, obstructs the view and also will create absolute traffic chaos. It's not a very large circle and already there are many cyclists, pedestrians and cars with potential for lives lost. I also don't trust that this has been through proper vetting and safety regulations as this government thinks rules don't apply to them. We the People should have the final say and last week's commission went against the public comment. For shame!

Name: Howard Malovany
Date: May 27, 2026 7:48:51 am

If the idea of a new arch were not STUPID, in and of itself, it is then unnecessary and a colossal waste of money, regardless of whose it might be. The current sight lines in the area were carefully planned and the proposed arch would ruin it. If there would ever be a reason to honor the 47th president with some trinket, it would certainly NOT be done while he is alive and then, and only then, after some time when it is clear that his work and accomplishments warrant such a trinket. Our nation's capital, in addition to a place where our government "happens" is also a symbol of our nation, an of the freedom and liberty for which thousands of Americans have strived for over 250 years. The current set of buildings and monuments are majestic, have great meaning and "presence". The proposed arch is none of that, not even close. NO ARCH PLEASE.

Name: Leisa Hamm
Date: May 27, 2026 7:49:11 am

I am absolutely opposed to the proposed arch. It is grotesquely out of scale. It distracts from the landscape generally and sacred memorials specifically. Please do not approve this monstrosity.

Name: Elizabeth Rummage
Date: May 27, 2026 7:49:32 am

A Statement in Opposition to the Proposed Triumphal Arch of Washington, D.C.

The proposed Triumphal Arch, a 250-foot granite structure topped with a 24-carat gold-plated statue and modeled after the Arc de Triomphe in Paris represents a profound misjudgment on multiple fronts: aesthetic, practical, and fiscal. As a citizen who holds the integrity of our national capital in the highest regard, I urge the National Capital Planning Commission and all relevant authorities to reject this project outright.

A Violation of Washington's Visual Identity

Washington, D.C. was designed with deliberate restraint and harmony. Its skyline, sightlines, and monumental core reflect a careful civic vision accumulated over centuries. At 250 feet tall, this arch would be taller than any other arch in any national capital, and urban planning experts have already noted it would be "way too big for that site." The proposed location near Arlington Memorial Bridge would place an overwhelming foreign-style monument in direct competition with the quiet dignity of Arlington National Cemetery and the existing memorial landscape. A group of Vietnam War veterans has already filed suit, arguing the structure would obscure views of other monuments from the cemetery.

Airspace and Safety Concerns

The arch's height would make it the second-tallest structure in the D.C. skyline, second only to the Washington Monument. In a city with some of the most tightly managed and sensitive airspace in the world, home to Reagan National Airport, restricted government flight corridors, and military operations, introducing a towering new structure of this scale demands serious scrutiny that has not been adequately provided.

Fiscal Recklessness in an Era of Insolvency

Perhaps most damning is the financial picture. The White House has not provided a cost estimate for the project, an astonishing omission for a structure of this ambition and scale. At a time when the federal government carries historic debt and citizens are being asked to absorb cuts to essential services, the administration proposes an architectural vanity project with no price tag and no accountability. That funding mechanisms and long-term maintenance costs remain subjects of debate is not a minor procedural footnote but a fundamental failure of governance.

A Voice Ignored

Most tellingly, the people have already spoken. During a May 2026 public hearing, commissioners were told that 99.5 percent of over 600 public comments opposed the structure. The commission approved it anyway. When the body charged with representing the public interest dismisses near-unanimous opposition from the public, something has gone deeply wrong. It bears noting that in October 2025, Trump took the unusual step of firing six sitting members of the commission, replacing them entirely with his own appointees; making the approval process little more than a formality.

History is watching. Great civilizations are remembered not only for what they built, but for the wisdom they showed in knowing what not to build — and why. This arch is a monument to neither liberty nor justice. It is a monument to unchecked ambition at public expense. It must be stopped.

Name: Lois Wittenstein
Date: May 27, 2026 7:50:07 am

I am in strong opposition to the building and placement of the Monumental Arch. The planned location will severely obstruct the view of the Arlington National Cemetery, including the eternal flame for President Kennedy. There is a unique relationship to the placement of the Lincoln Memorial, the Arlington Memorial Bridge, and the Cemetery. The placement of this arch will completely disrupt the symbolic and meaningful vista. I find the plans for the arch to be incredibly gaudy and out-of-place with the rest of the design and architecture in our Nation's capital! It appears to be more of an eyesore than something to be proud of. Please consider rejecting the proposal to build this monstrosity!

Thank you.

Name: Christine defelice
Date: May 27, 2026 7:50:46 am

Please do not build the arch. We do not need to spend money on an arch. There are much more important items to spend these funds on.
Thank you

Name: Karen Chodnicki
Date: May 27, 2026 7:51:00 am

Washington DC does not need an (overly expensive) Monumental Arch. The president has already wasted enough money building a bunker and starting an illegal war. It will also block traffic and destroy the environment around it. Do not approve this arch.

Name: Sarah Werner
Date: May 27, 2026 7:52:45 am

I am writing what another shared because it is impotant:

My comments specifically addressing the potential impact of this massive and overbearing project on the line-of-sight between Arlington Cemetery's Eternal Flame, which marks the gravesite of President John F. Kennedy and was intended to remain perpetually visible across the Potomac in the City of Washington, were submitted in writing on May 26, online.

The Eternal Flame has been a constant and permanent feature of the Washington-to-Arlington landscape for the past 63 years. Cross the Memorial Bridge tonight, at twilight, and you will still see a tiny flicker from the gravesite of an assassinated president. It now appears to be threatened by a project of great mass and considerable impact on the surrounding landscape, lacking sufficient consideration for the sacred space that Arlington National Cemetery embodies.

I know of no substantive analysis in the project record that addresses the aspect of the Eternal Flame and its intent when originally conceived.

Apparently this little point-of-light has been missed, overlooked, or simply ignored by a subsequent president.

Until this serious oversight is remedied, I submit that the project before the National Capital Planning Commission is deficient and that it cannot act until this point is addressed.

Name: Donna Luther
Date: May 27, 2026 7:53:09 am

I am voicing my disgust at the possible addition of the new monumental arch. The arch will take away from the wonderful monuments in existence in Washington D.C. There is no need for it and seems to only symbolize the ego of our current president. I request that the commission vote no on the proposed arch.

Thank you.

Name: James Hanifen
Date: May 27, 2026 7:54:15 am

The proposed Arch will conflict with and destroy the solemn character of the surrounding monuments and the National Mall.
The idea of the Arch appears to be intended to honor the least honorable and most corrupt Chief Executive in the history of the United States.
It's an abomination.

Name: Martha Martin
Date: May 27, 2026 7:56:09 am

Do not build this arch! In addition to destroying views, there is no need for an arch. This country needs road and bridges, and to feed its people, and house the homeless much more than it needs an arch to satisfy someone's vanity.

Name: lee ryder
Date: May 27, 2026 7:58:01 am

There is no need for a Monumental Arch. Please do not waste my taxpayer dollars on this project.

Name: Judith Best
Date: May 27, 2026 7:58:07 am

This arch is an abomination! The citizens do not want this monstrosity blocking the current view of Arlington National Cemetery. It is an insult to those that have given their lives in defense of this country.

Name: Pamela Smith
Date: May 27, 2026 8:00:20 am

I have visited our beautiful Capitol many times. I don't want this monument tbstructing the view. It is completely unnecessary!

Name: Jennifer Foremsky
Date: May 27, 2026 8:00:41 am

I am adamantly opposed to the proposed Monumental Arch. The proposed arch is too large for the site, will block sight lines to Arlington National cemetery, clog a congested roundabout traffic area, and it's too expensive for a completely unnecessary project.
I come from a military family. My uncle is buried in Arlington National cemetery. My sister (an Army Colonel) had her military retirement ceremony at the Women in the Military memorial last summer, after 32 years of service. This area is sacred, and the proposed Arch is a travesty.
Please do not allow this. I am still grieving over the loss of the East Wing. It's a slap in the face to American citizens.

Even IF we had zero national debt, IF our public schools were fully funded, and IF we had universal healthcare, IF we were not tied up in a quagmire of a war....this would still not be a fiscally responsible use of taxpayer funds. This is a vainglorious project. NO NO NO

Name: Edith Freedman

Date: May 27, 2026 8:00:59 am

This is a monument to one man's ego. And you all know it. It's not for the American people—we don't want it. It's just for Donald Trump.

It's a symbol of Trump's disrespect for tradition in our nation's capital. His great regard for himself is not something to celebrate or memorialize. If you bend your knee to him in this way, you are doing immense damage not only to the true memorials there, but to everything that most Americans hold dear.

Please DO NOT APPROVE THIS. Nobody who's got an ounce of integrity wants to celebrate Donald Trump. So have some integrity. And just say no.

Name: Lola Hannon

Date: May 27, 2026 8:01:08 am

Please DON'T let this arch be built!

It will disrupt the dignity, serenity and meaning of the proposed site.

Name: Connie Christenson

Date: May 27, 2026 8:01:35 am

I strongly oppose the insulting waste of taxpayer money on another vanity project that adds nothing to the nation's capital. As envisioned, it is a gaudy spectacle that is not rooted in any American's collective wish to honor a specific historic event or era. The proposed arch will further obstruct the well-planned and emotion evoking of other established memorials. Please do not approve.

Name: Barbara Berger

Date: May 27, 2026 8:02:02 am

This is inappropriate in scale and design for this location.

Disrespectful to the Lincoln monument and the cemetery.

Name: Jeanne Hargett

Date: May 27, 2026 8:03:17 am

This project is a waste of taxpayers money. In addition, its scope, size and location are inappropriate and ill conceived.

Name: john petersen

Date: May 27, 2026 8:03:29 am

I think it is a total useless project that only serves the vanity of the president. It is a total waste of taxpayer money. This is something only a dictator would want. It is a tacky low class piece of pompous junk. I am totally opposed to it.

Name: Wendy Nieman

Date: May 27, 2026 8:03:42 am

Please do not let this abomination desecrate the historic landscape of Washington DC. This is a vanity project by our current administration. They have not gone through the proper channels to propose a monument in DC. There is no historic or National basis or rationale for this horrible arch.

This administration has already ruined so much in DC- the East Wing, the Kennedy Center, the lawn at my White house being ruined for a UFC fight, the Rose garden, the horrid painting of the Reflecting pool instead of doing the repairs needed. Please stand up to this dictatorial administration and stop this madness.

Wendy Nieman

Name: Thomas Miller

Date: May 27, 2026 8:04:05 am

I am strongly opposed to the proposed new monumental arch. Firstly, it is a waste of scarce taxpayer dollars, in a time when the federal deficit is skyrocketing. Secondly, the arch represents a monument to President Trump, which he doesn't deserve due to his massive and ongoing corruption campaign. Finally, the arch would degrade the historical legacy and scenery of the National Mall, which is already stressed by crowds, etc. Highly recommend that this project be cancelled.

Name: Sarah Matthews

Date: May 27, 2026 8:04:14 am

I'd like to thank the National Capitol Planning Commission for taking public comments regarding this proposed project. I object to the erection of the proposed Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway for several reasons. The primary issues are the scale, the location, and the stated purpose. This structure is simply too big to fit the surrounding area. The planned location obstructs existing structures in balance, significance, and aesthetics. There has not been a sufficient explanation on why this arch should be built in the first place. Oh, and as of this comment, it has not been approved by Congress.

Name: Arlis Dellapa

Date: May 27, 2026 8:06:35 am

Protect Washington, DC tradition and beauty. Do not allow an arch to dilute the importance of Arlington Cemetery's historical meaning. The view from Robert E Lee's home to DC has important significance. Defend our monuments to nations founders, memorials to those who died in battles at home and abroad. This arch is unsightly and out of touch with the true

meaning of how our nation's capitol has been designed.

Name: Robin Tryloff
Date: May 27, 2026 8:11:28 am

To the Members of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts:
I respectfully submit the following comments regarding the proposed Triumphal Arch at Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. I strongly oppose the proposal as currently designed and urge the Commission to withhold approval pending completion of the Section 106 review process and substantial reconsideration of the project's location, scale, and visual impact.
The proposed Arch would fundamentally disrupt one of the most meaningful symbolic landscapes in the United States: the axial relationship connecting the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House. This carefully designed vista represents national reconciliation following the Civil War and has long been protected through thoughtful planning decisions that preserve open views and visual harmony across the monumental core of Washington.
The proposed structure would severely compromise that historic composition. Its massive scale and vertical prominence would interrupt the intentional sightlines between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House and overwhelm the restrained profile of Arlington Memorial Bridge, which was specifically designed to preserve these symbolic relationships. I am also deeply concerned about the extraordinary height and monumentality of the proposal. A structure of this scale—particularly with the large sculptural element proposed atop the Arch—would dominate surrounding historic resources, including the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. Rather than complementing the existing commemorative landscape, it would compete with and diminish it.
The National Mall and its associated memorial landscapes are successful because they maintain a clear hierarchy of monumental spaces and preserve long, open viewsheds. The proposed Arch is inconsistent with this historic planning framework, including the principles established by the McMillan Plan that have guided stewardship of the monumental core for more than a century.
The proposal is especially inappropriate at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. Arlington is not merely a ceremonial setting; it is an active and solemn national cemetery where military families continue to bury loved ones every day. Its power derives from dignity, restraint, uniformity, and reverence. A monumental triumphal structure of this size and character risks undermining the contemplative and sacred atmosphere that defines Arlington National Cemetery.
Finally, I urge the Commission to defer action until the legally required Section 106 review process under the National Historic Preservation Act has been completed. That consultation process exists precisely to evaluate impacts on historic and cultural resources and to ensure informed public participation before approval decisions are made. Proceeding prior to completion of that process would be premature.
Thank you for your consideration of these comments and for your continued stewardship of the Nation's historic commemorative landscape.

Name: Judith Markowski
Date: May 27, 2026 8:15:34 am

I strongly object to the proposed arch monument. I will be completely out of order in the place proposed. Monuments should be decided later when history proclaims a person is of substantial positive influence on history such as the Washington Monument or the Lincoln Monument.

Name: Renee Poole
Date: May 27, 2026 8:16:20 am

When I was a youngster in the 50's we took a family trip to Washington DC and it impacted me greatly - as proof I remember it 70 years later. It was the city that showcased and honored our country. Coming across that bridge was awe inspiring and I remember feeling so proud- so lucky - Please do not let that opportunity for other people - other children- to feel so lucky to be a part of this great country. History is relevant and need not be adjusted. A arch does not belong there

Name: Susan Newman
Date: May 27, 2026 8:16:27 am

I oppose the Triumphal Arch as it will overshadow Arlington National Cemetery as well as the overall appearance. It is not in keeping with the somber and tasteful characteristics of the other monuments, but, seemingly, wishes to take center stage. It is gaudy, architecturally unfitting, and a waste of money. Please keep Washington D.C. focused on beauty and history, not just the whims of arrogant wishes of one person.

Name: Kristal Roberson
Date: May 27, 2026 8:17:06 am

The New Monument Arch is not necessary. The view from the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington Cemetery disrupts the historical symbolism of the views between the two. We do not need such large Monument to commemorate the US's 250th anniversary.

Name: BARBARA CROUSE
Date: May 27, 2026 8:17:08 am

I am totally against the Arch project. The rest of the federal landscape was so thoughtfully planned to create inspiring vistas ... from the Capitol to the Lincoln Memorial, from Arlington Cemetery to the mall landscape, from the graves of the war dead to the monument to a great President who did much to try and unify the country after the Civil War, from the White House to the Lincoln Memorial.

Politically, there is only one reason for this arch, to cement the presence of DJT. He's already done that by defiling the White House, figuratively and most literally. Enough is enough.

Name: Robin Davis
Date: May 27, 2026 8:17:13 am

My father proudly rests with his fellow WWII veterans at Arlington National Cemetery. I object strongly to a vanity monument between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House- which feels like a design choice advocating for the lost cause nostalgia fueling racism.
No to this arch. Archly opposed to it. It's an abomination

Name: Anne Sterling
Date: May 27, 2026 8:17:50 am

A very loud NO is hereby voiced from a staunch patriot and historical preservationist here on the New England Seacoast. Nice try, next time register to fight in a war - as opposed to dodging - if you want to be so triumphal!

Name: Elizabeth Widas
Date: May 27, 2026 8:17:51 am

I strongly oppose the construction of this Trumpian vanity project. It is devoid of architectural and historical merit, and is out of scale. It will destroy the intended sight line between the sacred Arlington National Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial. Trump does not understand that he works FOR THE PEOPLE, not the other way around, and that he has no right to unilaterally deface our capital.

Name: JANE ADAMS
Date: May 27, 2026 8:18:56 am

In my opinion, the arch is simply a disgraceful vanity project and should be denied.

Name: Christine Wright
Date: May 27, 2026 8:19:03 am

I am 100% against another vanity project by the current administration. Taxpayers cannot afford anymore ridiculous, money-wasting and overspending on frivolous endeavors. Gas and food prices need to come down now. There is no room for anymore wasteful spending. Enough is enough! I say absolutely NO to the Arch of idiocy!

Name: Renee Mathes
Date: May 27, 2026 8:19:25 am

ENOUGH is ENOUGH! Please stop this administration from putting another expensive, tacky spin on our nation's capital. I had the honor of visiting Arlington National Cemetery for the first time two years ago and it was a humbling experience. The Lincoln Memorial and Reflecting Pool (as previously painted) were inspirational and moving. The White House used to be classic and respectful but now it has a cheapened, gold-covered interior. This administration is taking everything amazing about DC—the awe-inspiring, power-displaying, history-respecting parts—and making them cheap, tacky and embarrassing. There is a time-honored and necessary process in place for approaching projects/changes but this administration has completely disregarded it all. Please stop this madness!

Name: steven lubow
Date: May 27, 2026 8:19:45 am

This proposed project is an abomination. Destroying vistas designed to honor the sacrifices made over the years. Intruding on the intentional linking of monuments, cemeteries and other historically significant features of the Capital. All in an attempt of one man to honor himself. This project should be rejected and no further intrusions on the nation's history permitted.

Name: Tracy Tuchin
Date: May 27, 2026 8:20:37 am

As a citizen of the United States of America, I respectfully write to you to ask that you DO NOT erect an arch in honor of this president.

One reason we should not erect this monument is because it interferes with the original design of the monuments in DC right now.

Another reason is that we, as Americans, should let history determine who is entitled to a monument, not the person to be honored.

I am appalled at the choices being made about monuments and OUR national capitol that seem to only appease one person and USING TAXPAYER MONEY!!!!!!!!!!!!

I am one of the many WE THE PEOPLE, and WE don't want a monumental arch to honor a dishonorable, grifting (\$1.776 BILLION OF USA TAX PAYER MONEY), felon.

Name: Sharon Hawkes
Date: May 27, 2026 8:20:37 am

Too big -- obscuring views of Arlington National Cemetery and overshadowing other monuments

Too costly -- other federal projects, such as fully funding the Institute of Museum and Library Services, are far more important

Name: Lisa Hogan
Date: May 27, 2026 8:20:54 am

Thank you for taking public comment on the proposed new monumental arch. I am writing to formally state that I do not support the construction of this proposed project.

My opposition is based on the following concerns regarding the site's historical and symbolic integrity:

- Disruption of Visual Vistas: The location of the proposed arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, the Arlington Memorial Bridge, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House.
- Scale and Design: The scale of the structure will dwarf the Lincoln Memorial and disrupt the long, open, and uninterrupted views that define this area.
- Impact on Hallowed Ground: The design will overwhelm the entry to Arlington National Cemetery, which serves as the resting place for 400,000 veterans and their families.

The current unobstructed views serve as a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice and national unity within the monumental core of the Nation's Capital; this proposed arch would significantly disrupt that important symbolic vista.

Sincerely,
Lisa Hogan

Name: Donna Taylor
Date: May 27, 2026 8:22:13 am

Dear Sirs/Madams,
I will be brief and frank. Please, please NO arch. The only meaningful representation this arch will bring is a reminder of the most corrupt President “in the history of our country.”
Thank you for your consideration.
Donna Taylor
Michigan

Name: Beth Maynard
Date: May 27, 2026 8:22:47 am

I am strongly opposed to this desecration of the viewscape of our nation's capitol. The proposed arch will dwarf the Lincoln Memorial , block deliberately created open views, and change our experience of the Arlington National Cemetery entrance. The service members there sacrificed all for our country and deserve better than an engorged, out of proportion eyesore. The visual communication of national unity would be destroyed. Plus we cannot afford it. Billions of dollars have been wasted on vanity projects. Our beloved country does not need yet another.

Name: Mary Anne Magee
Date: May 27, 2026 8:23:01 am

Please do not allow this Arch to be built. It is inconsistent with the surrounding monuments/scenery that overlook the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. It interferes with the view and narrows the solemn atmosphere of two of the most important monuments in D.C.
My father is buried in Arlington and I consider anything connected to Donald Trump to be an insult to his service. Trump is grifter, a convicted felon and a draft dodger(bone spurs?). Please do not let this proceed.

Name: N Prenty
Date: May 27, 2026 8:23:15 am

I am Against the arch. It will ruin the current views, relationships between existing monuments and is a complete waste of money to boot.

Name: Alice Avery
Date: May 27, 2026 8:23:24 am

I am writing as a concerned American citizen to urge the National Capital Planning Commission to reject the proposed 250-foot triumphal arch at Memorial Circle.

This project is wrong on multiple levels, and I believe the Commission has both the authority and the obligation to say so.

It disrespects our veterans. The proposed site sits at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery which is hallowed ground where hundreds of thousands of Americans who gave their lives in service to this country are buried. Placing a gaudy, gilded monument to a living president at the threshold of that sacred space is an insult to their sacrifice and to the families who visit them. A triumphal arch is a celebration. Arlington is a place of reverence. These are incompatible.

It would permanently damage an irreplaceable viewshed. The visual corridor between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery is one of the most historically significant sightlines in the United States. At more than twice the height of the Lincoln Memorial, this structure would dominate and forever alter that landscape. Washington's monumental core was deliberately designed. This project would vandalise it.

It sets a dangerous precedent. Our tradition has always been to memorialize presidents and public figures after history has had time to render a verdict. Building a monument to a sitting president — one explicitly compared by its proponents to the Arc de Triumph abandons that principle entirely. The monument's purpose is self-glorification, not public commemoration.

The costs are unaccounted for. No final cost estimate exists. The administration has floated a vague mix of taxpayer and private money, with no transparency about how much of the public's money will be spent. At a time of significant fiscal pressure on ordinary Americans, this is not an appropriate use of federal resources.

I urge the Commission to vote no. Future generations will inherit whatever we build here. They deserve better than this.

Name: Nadine Bosley
Date: May 27, 2026 8:23:41 am

This is my personal rebuttal to the Trump Monumental Arch. This is a desecration of the solemn resting place of our heroic and brave soldiers in Arlington. This will create an uglisight line from Arlington to Washington DC.

Additionally, this is a vanity project for Trump wasting valuable tax payers funds. This must be stopped as it is unnecessary and unsightly.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Carol Jones
Date: May 27, 2026 8:24:08 am

The proposed arch is a vulgar and disrespectful eyesore.

Name: Stephany Cross
Date: May 27, 2026 8:24:27 am

This arch will stand for a president who puts his own ego above everything. It's a blight on the face of Washington DC and the rest of the nation. Please do not let it be built!!

Name: John Harper
Date: May 27, 2026 8:24:45 am

I write in opposition to the proposed monumental arch. Our national monuments should reflect significant events or achievements in our nations history. This arch has no clear statement or reason to be. In addition, this arch blocks the sight line between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House and disrupts the “Every man is equal” view of the repeated simple white markers of Arlington. Finally, a country with escalating debt cannot afford capricious public spending on items like this, particularly when so many existing National monuments and parks already need resources for maintenance.

Thank you

Name: Celeste C
Date: May 27, 2026 8:25:02 am

A triumphant arch is not needed or wanted!

The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House.

One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.

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 view and 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.

Please reject this deeply unAmerican plan!

Name: Bridget Neary
Date: May 27, 2026 8:25:28 am

What is this arch actually a monumental representation of?

This is an unnecessary feature in the DC landscape and it should not be added at this time. If current presidents do something to be remembered that isn't infamous, we will honor them posthumously.

Please do not approve this ridiculous arch.

Name: Susan Cardwell
Date: May 27, 2026 8:26:00 am

Reverence
Peace
Respect

The souls buried in Arlington National cemetery deserve these.

It’s redundant to say that an arch built in the mode of self aggrandizement shows a lack of understanding. A refusal to embrace the meaning of sacrifice, of democracy. The proposed location of the arch is a message that democracy is not valued, that those who sacrificed for our freedom are not cherished by the current administration. Its proposed placement is crass and unacceptable to all of us, but particularly to those of us who have loved ones resting in Arlington National. Please show them the respect they have earned and leave them to rest in unobstructed peace.

Name: Tami Kampwerth
Date: May 27, 2026 8:28:31 am

This arch will ruin the view and taint the symbolism of the existing monuments in DC. THE RULES HAVE NOT BEEN FOLLOWED. Please stop this vanity project!!

Name: Tracy Loy
Date: May 27, 2026 8:28:31 am

Dear Sir or Madame,

I am writing to express my extreme objection to the construction of the monumental arch project in our Nation's capitol.

The 250-foot-tall structure would obstruct the symbolic "sacred axis" that connects the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington House at Arlington National Cemetery.

Veterans groups claim the monument’s grandiosity would "overshadow" and "dishonor" the cemetery, degrading the solemn experience of visiting the burial grounds.

The monument would be out of scale for its surroundings and the design lacks the visual harmony of existing D.C. monuments.

Finally, the project has not gone through the traditional approval process.

Please reject the project and stop this construction now.

Regards,
Tracy Loy

Name: Robilee Foreman
Date: May 27, 2026 8:29:19 am

I am totally opposed to Trump's arch and urge the commission to do everything possible to stop it!

Name: SueEllen Egan
Date: May 27, 2026 8:29:26 am

As a person who majored in American History and Government, taught American History for 10 years I'd like to express my shock that this arch is even being considered. No monument has been built to a living and acting President in our history. There is no reason for Trump to break this tradition. Obviously, his disregard and disrespect for our fallen heroes who lie in Arlington Cemetery is beyond reproach. He continues to demonstrate his narcissistic mindset in making this arch all about him and not our fallen heroes. Please, make every effort possible to block the building of this gaudy and unfortunate structure. Thank you from a real friend of our great American History.

Name: Elizabeth Meade
Date: May 27, 2026 8:30:03 am

I am strongly opposed to the proposed construction of a monumental arch on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. The proposed Arch would interrupt the historically significant and important relationship between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery, which was originally designed to symbolize the reconciliation of the North and the south following the Civil War. As designed, the Arch would also frame and magnify the importance of the house of Robert E. Lee, raising his residence there in importance over he resting place of our fallen military.

Such a huge addition to the monuments of Washington DC should be undertaken carefully, with due regard to the surrounding landscape, and reflecting a need to memorialize something that the public broadly supports.

In addition, at a time of war and a time of economic suffering by so many in this country, this vanity project by the current administration is particularly ill-timed.

Name: Roseann Dumont
Date: May 27, 2026 8:30:12 am

I am opposed to the construction of the Triumphal Arch because I don't feel the arch is even necessary. A tremendous amount of money is going to be spent on a giant eye soar that will dwarf all other monuments in the area. This is money that can be spent on incredibly more important things that help the lives of the American people.

Name: Cathy Dillon
Date: May 27, 2026 8:30:18 am

This arch is totally not needed. It will block historic views of the other monuments in the area. Taxpayer dollars should not be spent on gawdy, Trump-indulgent projects. We need to stop this arch now!

Name: Elizabeth Worth
Date: May 27, 2026 8:30:24 am

I oppose the construction of an arch near Arlington National Cemetery. The size will overwhelm the Cemetery, Arlington House and the Lincoln memorial. I have visited Arlington National Cemetery, and on another occasion participated in the internment of a family friend. The size of the arch alone would be disrespectful. Naming the arch after our current president would project authoritarianism over the graves of the men and women who sacrificed their lives in the name of freedom and democracy. It would be a national disgrace.

Name: BARBARA Weissberg
Date: May 27, 2026 8:30:33 am

I find the building of this arch to be a disruption in the natural flow and course of the national/natural view of Arlington Cemetery and other national monuments such as the Lincoln Memorial. It is an expense that is frivolous and does not represent anything in our nation's history. Please deny any permits or allocation of money for it. Our country needs to focus on honoring our service people and history in a more respectful way. This golden arch does not shine
Barbara Weissberg

Name: Charlene Scott
Date: May 27, 2026 8:31:05 am

The proposed arch is a vanity project by a sitting president and has no place in our nation's capital. The president has no business erecting such a thing. He is an embarrassment to our country. The proposal would significantly change the balance of the landscape that honors our fallen soldiers as well as a president who gave his life in service of his country. Don't let a dishonorable corrupt man desecrate our nation's heritage.

Name: Ann Deutch
Date: May 27, 2026 8:31:27 am

The proposed Triumphal Arch is inappropriate for the National Mall. I have been to the Mall several times. The museums and memorials together give meaning to our nation's deepest and most aspirational values. Our goal is to have a more perfect union within our nation of immigrants and in light of our growing understanding of the innate equality of all people. America must not shift to the bully's way that seeks to elevate himself by stomping down on everyone else. We cannot win by considering everyone else losers. We must not build an edifice that dwarfs the Lincoln Memorial and elevates "triumph" over contemplation of the sacrifice of those interred at Arlington Cemetery. When tourists visit the National Mall we should encounter monuments and memorials that help all of us everywhere find a way to be winners.

Name: Katie Sikorski
Date: May 27, 2026 8:31:50 am

I vehemently oppose the construction of the arch. The scale, location, and design of this vanity project will disrupt the important visual and symbolic vista of the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. Furthermore, the Arch will overshadow the Lincoln Memorial and disturb the long, open, and uninterrupted vistas, overpowering the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery—the sacred resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families and a potent symbol of American military sacrifice, selfless service, and national unity, all within view of the monumental core of the Nation's Capital.

Name: Michael Scheetz
Date: May 27, 2026 8:32:14 am

No arch.

Name: Susan Cassidy
Date: May 27, 2026 8:33:39 am

The building of this huge monument to Pres. Trump's ego would overshadow and dwarf its surroundings that were designed with care. So far whatever he has designed lacks restraint and the grace and thoughtfulness of expression required in public monuments is sadly lacking in this project. It is an unnecessary burden on American finances.

Name: Pamela Cassady
Date: May 27, 2026 8:33:49 am

I am against the construction of the Monumental Arch.
First, it is a waste of money. We are already spending too much money on other unnecessary vanity projects (ballroom, reflecting pool). We are spending millions of dollars on the unnecessary and unapproved war in Iran. Meanwhile, average Americans are struggling to pay bills, find jobs, and take care of their families.
Second, it will obstruct beautiful views of historic sights. Washington D.C. was carefully designed and monuments were laid out in a very specific way. Anyone who understands historic areas understands the importance of respecting history and not creating new structures that take away from the carefully crafted design.
Finally, we simply do not need this monument. The money that would be spent on this project could be used in so many better ways. What is the point of building this arch? There is no point.
Please do not let the president spend even more money on an unnecessary project in our nation's capital.
Thank you for your time.
Pam Cassady

Name: Lori Johnson
Date: May 27, 2026 8:34:06 am

I visited Washington DC this spring with my grandson. Seeing the Lincoln Memorial was the highlight of his trip.

The proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery. The hallowed resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families, Arlington National Cemetery is a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice, selfless service, and national unity, all within sight of the monumental core of the Nation's Capital. Distinguished by the Tomb of the Unknowns, Memorial Avenue, and rolling hillsides of uniform rows of simple headstones, Arlington National Cemetery is a living memorial that honors thirty funeral services each day. The Arch, as proposed, would dominate Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers.

The location of the proposed Arch, at Memorial Circle, will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscape vistas in Washington, DC, the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed with a low profile to respect the visual and symbolic vistas connecting the National Mall and National Cemetery. If constructed as planned at the proposed location, the new Triumphal Arch will obscure the intentional axial and aesthetic relationships between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House.

Name: H Grey
Date: May 27, 2026 8:35:49 am

We do not need this. We cannot afford this if we cannot afford cancer research and USAID. We were not asked until it was a done deal. It is vile and an insult to those who rest at Arlington cemetery and those that visit them. It is not structurally sound to build it there. Enough reasons?

Name: Juliet Fletcher
Date: May 27, 2026 8:35:53 am

I vehemently oppose the construction of the Arch, as proposed. First, it is a vainglorious attempt to enshrine a living person who has done more to denigrate honor, truth, liberty, sacrifice, and true patriotism than any leader in the history of this country. Second, it would dominate Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers. Third, it destroys the excruciatingly well planned placement and view scape of our national monuments. Fourth, it is a presumptuous, and most likely, unlawful use of our tax dollars.

I am opposed to this monstrosity and ask the Commission and Congress to put a stop to the destruction of our nation's capital and the goose stepped march of this President as he destroys our history and national heritage as reflected in our capital.

Name: Lia Willis
Date: May 27, 2026 8:36:13 am

I am opposed to the ARch trump has proposed. It will be an eyesore and will block the view Americans have currently of the cemetery. This vanity project is really obscenely large and ridiculous.

Name: ALEX ZENZUNI
Date: May 27, 2026 8:36:46 am

I am completely against this project. It should not be built!

Name: Terrie Newman
Date: May 27, 2026 8:37:55 am

This project is just another of Trump's plans to destroy our country and aggrandize himself and his image. Building an arch in this location would drive yet another wedge in the fragile unity of our United States.

Name: Sharon Linta
Date: May 27, 2026 8:38:04 am

A new monumental arch is neither wanted nor needed. It would block the view between the mall and Arlington National Cemetery and detract from the solemnity of the Cemetery.

This is an ego project wished for by only one person. It has not been approved by Congress. It is not in the wishes or interest of the American people. Please block the construction of this arch.

Thank you.

Name: Samuel Baker
Date: May 27, 2026 8:38:11 am

I strongly object to erecting any new monuments with taxpayer funding. There are sufficient monuments in the NCR as it is. This gaudy MAGA erection is an abomination.

Name: Chris Walker
Date: May 27, 2026 8:39:30 am

I'm writing this too Strongly Oppose the building of the proposed Arch at the entrance of the Memorial Bridge leading to Arlington Cemetery. This expensive, unneeded, monstrosity will block the historic view and distract from the serene nature of the final resting place of our military heroes.

Name: Chrystine Faucher
Date: May 27, 2026 8:39:44 am

I oppose the building of an arch in Washington DC. The existing structures and monuments will be negatively impacted by the proposed arch. With all due respect please don't ruin our nations capital.
Thank you
Chrys Faucher

Name: Jennifer Meineke
Date: May 27, 2026 8:39:54 am

Please do not allow Arlington National Cemetery and the heroes buried within to be disrespected like this. There is far better use of funds that will serve to better our country and our citizens than this monument to all that goes against that which our military members fought and gave their lives for.

Name: Katrin Katterman
Date: May 27, 2026 8:40:11 am

This arch is merely a monument to Trump's colossal ego. It's ugly and ill-planned. It's a waste of money as the next president will tear it down and put the landscape back to rights. That hallowed ground is for honoring those soldiers who gave everything for this country: a sacrifice Trump knows nothing about.

Name: Kathy Van Arsdale
Date: May 27, 2026 8:40:12 am

I find the proposed arch to be totally unnecessary. The plans indicate it will be overly large, ostentatious and will limit view of historic sites. The USA has better use for its money. It's NEVER been about showing off its power or wealth. Frankly I'm disgusted with the changes being made in the city. The changes don't make us better or more powerful or safer. They cheapen the look of our nation's Capital. It is the PEOPLE'S Capital!

Name: John Culp
Date: May 27, 2026 8:40:54 am

The proposed arch is not in keeping with the look and feel of the capitol district. It is grotesquely oversized at nearly 100' taller than the Arch de Triomphe in Paris, which I have visited personally many times. Nor in my opinion does it have a purpose. It doesn't memorialize a particular event, person or persons. It's simply a vanity project for one man.

If it is constructed over the overwhelming opposition of the public, I will support it's removal once Trump is gone, regardless the cost.

Name: Iris Palazesi
Date: May 27, 2026 8:41:13 am

No arch!

Name: Rachael Tin
Date: May 27, 2026 8:41:59 am

The arch is too big for where it's located. Dwarfing the Lincoln memorial and visually separating the Lincoln memorial from Arlington cemetery sends the wrong message about America and our "triumphs."

Also, I don't understand why taxpayers are funding a "triumphal" arch while plunging deeper into insurmountable debt. Can we save the victory celebration for after we have conquered that debt?

Name: Jody Howells
Date: May 27, 2026 8:42:56 am

Please do not allow a self-serving, egotistical, colossal-waste-of-money vanity project to go forward that dishonors the hallowed grounds of Arlington Cemetery and the remains of those who so bravely served for the freedom of this nation. Furthermore, the commissioner of this monstrosity never served, and has zero respect for those who have served, past, present and future. This monument is a mockery of our entire military by disregarding our honorable servicepeople for another narcissistic venture. I am the proud wife of a Viet Nam War era veteran. My hope is that those who can stop this travesty need to be brave enough to step up and take the right actions. Thank you.

Name: Richard Turkal
Date: May 27, 2026 8:43:06 am

The proposed arch is out of scale and it's proposed location is inappropriate.

Name: Becky Lantz
Date: May 27, 2026 8:43:19 am

I'm sick of the wasteful expense on another vanity project none of us asked for. Please concentrate on bringing down the national debt that you have ballooned out of control.

Name: Chris Lawrence
Date: May 27, 2026 8:43:23 am

This comment specifically addresses the potential impact of this massive and overbearing project on the line-of-sight between Arlington Cemetery's Eternal Flame, which marks the gravesite of President John F. Kennedy and was intended to remain perpetually visible across the Potomac in the City of Washington.

The Eternal Flame has been a constant and permanent feature of the Washington-to-Arlington landscape for the past 63 years. Cross the Memorial Bridge tonight, at twilight, and you will still see a tiny flicker from the gravesite of an assassinated president. It now appears to be threatened by a project of great mass and considerable impact on the surrounding landscape, lacking sufficient consideration for the sacred space that Arlington National Cemetery embodies.

I know of no substantive analysis in the project record that addresses the aspect of the Eternal Flame and its intent when originally conceived.

Apparently this little point-of-light has been missed, overlooked, or simply ignored by a subsequent president.

Until this serious oversight is remedied, I submit that the project before the National Capital Planning Commission is deficient and that it cannot act until this point is addressed.

Name: Michelle OBrien
Date: May 27, 2026 8:45:33 am

This is a vanity project for Mr. Trump. It's that basic. He thinks his legacy will continue through structures but his legacy will continue through the hundreds of ways he has harmed our country's people, parks, oceans, and farmland. This project should not be paid for by taxpayers money at all.

Name: Deborah Duke
Date: May 27, 2026 8:47:07 am

As a born and raised United States citizen i disapprove this new monumental arch being built. Not only will it obscure the view of Arlington National Cemetery but it is an affront to what our country has stood for. Donald Trump does not have the right to build monuments for his pleasure and worship. NO TO THIS MONUMENT!

Name: Anne Crossway
Date: May 27, 2026 8:47:44 am

No arch for America!!! This proposed arch is an abomination that will obscure views of national treasures like the Lincoln Statue. It will not add anything of value as it is something monarch's and dictators would do, the exact opposite of what America stands for. It is a colossal waste of our taxpayers' money!

Name: Susan Blakeslee
Date: May 27, 2026 8:48:10 am

Please do NOT allow the felon to memorialize himself with this ridiculous arch.

The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House.

One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.

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: Mark Rockwell
Date: May 27, 2026 8:48:15 am

This project will degrade and/or obliterate the intended cohesive and planned sight lines between the Capitol the Washington monument the Lincoln memorial and Arlington cemetery. That progression of monuments is a reminder of our country's struggle from conception through civil war and finally with the consequences of that struggle embodied in the hallowed ground at Arlington

The arch, at 250 feet tall, would overpower and wrest that existing solemn narrative to focus on a singular mostly meaningless uninspired edifice unspokenly dedicated to a single person. That person actively avoided the responsibilities that the men and women lying at rest at Arlington met with their last breath

Practically it could also further imperil an already complicated and dangerous air space along the Potomac. In the last few years those complications have claimed lives. Another air disaster exacerbated by an overwrought meaningless arch would be horrific an another level

Mark Rockwell

Name: Nancy Hartgold
Date: May 27, 2026 8:48:29 am

Per the National Trust for Historic Preservation in the United States ("National Trust") comments, I agree that the unprecedented height and scale of the proposed Triumphal Arch, which will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House. The proposed Arch would be double the size of the Lincoln Memorial and would risk disrespecting this powerful and beloved monument. As such, the Triumphal Arch is inconsistent with the McMillan Plan and subsequent planning decisions that have stewarded the National Mall as a unified composition characterized by long, open, and uninterrupted viewsheds, with a clear hierarchy of monumental elements, that culminates at its western end at the Lincoln Memorial.

In addition, the proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery. The hallowed resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families, Arlington National Cemetery is a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice, selfless service, and national unity, all within sight of the monumental core of the Nation's Capital. It is also not necessary or needed.

Name: Suzanne Munn
Date: May 27, 2026 8:48:34 am

We have visited Washington, DC many times over the years. One of the most impressive things about the monuments in DC is that their beauty lies in their simplicity and relationships to each other. When new memorials and monuments have been added over the years, the planning has been very careful to consider their location and impact on existing structures. The arch has not been well- planned at all. We don't need an arch in the first place, and certainly not in the proposed location. Please don't allow the continued desecration of our beautiful capitol by a self—aggrandizing administration with absolutely no sense of the impact new construction has on the design of the capitol as a whole. Nor do they care.

Name: Sarah L Davis
Date: May 27, 2026 8:49:18 am

NO ARCH. Arlington is a national treasure. The arch is unnecessary, ugly, obstructive. Please do not allow it to be built.

Name: Dawn DeFeo
Date: May 27, 2026 8:49:23 am

I'm VERY much opposed to this asinine ego project. It obscures the view of Arlington cemetery, dishonors our war heroes and wastes an absurd amount of money!

Name: Lou Ann Bruce
Date: May 27, 2026 8:49:33 am

I am against the proposed monumental arch in any location but particularly in a situation that will symbolize a fracture in our nation's union. I am in complete agreement with the National Trust for Historic Preservation's 26 May 2026 statement. The Commission of Fine Arts has failed to do its duty. Furthermore, this monument smacks of personal aggrandizement at tax payers' expense at a time when many are struggling financially with skyrocketing costs. I view the entire monumental arch project as an affront to our democracy.

Name: Mike & Donna Corbell
Date: May 27, 2026 8:49:58 am

The proposed gaudy arch will interrupt the solemnity of entering Arlington National Cemetery's peacefulness. It is, obviously, just another self-proclaiming object from a self-proclaiming person who thinks only of himself. So sad for our country!

Name: Ellen Eldridge
Date: May 27, 2026 8:50:04 am

Please do everything possible to block construction of the Arch.
Thank you

Name: Louise Williams
Date: May 27, 2026 8:50:13 am

The view of the Arlington Cemetary should be preserved to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. There is no useful purpose for this Arch. It is a frivolous expenditure and I am highly opposed to this monument.

Name: Tamara Zavitz
Date: May 27, 2026 8:50:33 am

I am opposed to the Monumental Arch. Monuments are something to be carefully considered and planned. This one seems to be rushed, attempting to bypass traditional planning and authorizations. I'm not sure why we need a monument to celebrate our 250th year, we haven't erected a monument for other centuries. In addition the 250-foot monument would block historic sight lines and dwarf existing monuments.

Name: Laura Waite
Date: May 27, 2026 8:50:52 am

I am writing to express concern about the construction of a monumental arch at the rotary near Arlington National Cemetery. As a member of a legacy military family, I do not want this arch obscuring any view or making entry to the cemetery more difficult (which it will do as currently planned). I also do not want a single dollar of my taxes going to the construction of this arch. There is no need to add an additional monument to that area.

Thank you for allowing public comments.

Name: Susan Trembl
Date: May 27, 2026 8:51:02 am

I am against building an arch. It will block the views of already built monuments. It was not okayed by Congress or the American people. At a time when we continue to become deeper in debt no one should be asking taxpayers to support this. I am tired of President Trump just doing whatever he wants without following rules or caring about the people in the United States. (Or elsewhere) We don't need an arch!

Name: Jenavive Nelson
Date: May 27, 2026 8:53:06 am

No arch. Preserve the beauty and solemnity of Arlington.

Name: Elizabeth Myers
Date: May 27, 2026 8:53:42 am

I do not support the construction of the monumental arch. It would disrupt the sight lines between Arlington National Cemetery and the Potomac and monuments on the Mall. Further, it disrupts the sacredness and hallowedness of that area.

Name: Tina Schlaile
Date: May 27, 2026 8:55:04 am

I vehemently oppose this monument to symbolize a wannabe dictator's insatiable lust for glory and worship. America is not North Korea or Russia, whose nations typically build grand statues to appease the egos of their leaders. Trump's ugly face is already plastered over buildings, currency, passports, National Park passes and citizens have had no choice over these decisions. Well, hear me loud and clear, this project is one monstrosity I do not want, and yet another item that will greatly contribute to our overwhelming national debt.

Name: Daughn Connarn
Date: May 27, 2026 8:55:56 am

Absolutely not in favor. This is a ridiculous use of taxpayer dollars. My strong vote is NO.

Name: Nancy Herbison
Date: May 27, 2026 8:56:10 am

As a citizen who has had the privilege to stand in that area a few times in my life, I am dismayed about the construction of such a huge structure that would block sightlines, loom over the other memorials, and destroy the quiet beauty of that area. It is absolutely unnecessary and uncalled for.

Name: Janie Noller
Date: May 27, 2026 8:56:19 am

I am writing to express my opposition to the vanity project known as The Arch. This monument is so large as to both obstruct and overwhelm existing structures such as the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. It destroys the solemnity of Arlington National Cemetery as well. Its size alone is disruptive to our symbols of national pride and history. And it is reminiscent of Albert Speer's work for Hitler. Neither were the required steps taken to get approval from Congress or the required organizations, The American public see this as another vanity project that exists only to boost the ego of one man.

Please stop construction and listen to the American public for once. We do not want this monstrosity.

Name: Judy Taylor
Date: May 27, 2026 8:56:59 am

As do most Americans, I oppose the construction of this totally unnecessary arch. This is a vanity project, plain and simple, and a vanity project has absolutely no place here. Arlington National Cemetery should continue to stand alone, with totally unobstructed views and its visceral connection to the Lincoln Memorial. This most solemn place deserves the dignity it now, with its iconic entrance instilling each visitor with the respect and reverence of what it is— the final resting place of ordinary Americans who stepped up and became heroes by sacrificing their very lives for the rest of us. To sully the memory of these people by trying to bring an almost circus-like atmosphere to it is an outrage and must not be allowed to happen.

Name: Martha Scott
Date: May 27, 2026 8:57:18 am

This arch is abhorrent to me. It is a waste of money and would be a bight. I DO NOT support the building of the arch.

Name: Kris Benarcik
Date: May 27, 2026 8:57:28 am

I strongly oppose the building of a new “monumental arch” in our nation’s capital for myriad reasons such as the following stated by the National Capital Planning Commission:

“The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House.

One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.”

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.

Name: Robert Larson
Date: May 27, 2026 8:58:31 am

It is a disgrace and should be immediately abandoned. Anything that that orange turd recommends should be understood that it is being requested by a self-indulgent, narcissistic fascist. It will be an embarrassment to our country.

Name: Jo Ann McConachie
Date: May 27, 2026 8:58:38 am

What a disgrace on sacred ground. No arch! Especially for someone who has no respect for our fallen heroes. Serve the people not yourself!

Name: Susan Schuman
Date: May 27, 2026 8:59:36 am

With utmost sincerity, I implore you to reject the building of the Arch. The list of reasons include, but are not limited to:

The location interrupts the historic flow of what is already there.

The location highlights the house of a known traitor to the US Government.

The height will impede the flight path into Washington National Airport

It is ugly, ostentatious and unnecessary

It has not gone through the proper channels

It is a waste of my tax dollars

The money would be better spent on 10,000 other things that are needed in this country.

Most sincerely,
Susan Schuman
Concerned U.S. Citizen

Name: Susan Jackson
Date: May 27, 2026 9:00:03 am

I hereby submit my disapproval of an installation of a new Monumental Arch in Washington DC. I believe the new arch will disrupt the current historic & solemn view. Please do not allow this eyesore to be built. Thank you.

Name: Diane Bermann
Date: May 27, 2026 9:00:06 am

I am opposed to the new monumental arch at Memorial Circle near Arlington National Cemetery. I feel it will change the landscape of Washington DC forever, and diminish the Lincoln Memorial and the view of Arlington National Cemetery. It is not needed and appears very political in nature. Its size alone disrupts the planned landscape of the capital area and symbolic placement of monuments and memorials.. Please do not allow the arch to be built and spoil the historic beauty of our, the people’s, Capital.

Name: Susan Harris
Date: May 27, 2026 9:01:27 am

Dear Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed Triumphal Arch project. At a time when so many Americans are struggling financially, spending taxpayer dollars on a monument of this nature feels deeply misplaced and unnecessary.

Beyond the cost, the design itself does not reflect the dignity, restraint, and timeless stateliness that characterize Washington’s existing monuments and memorials. Rather than complementing the historic character of our nation’s capital, the proposal drastically overwhelms and interferes with current significant landmarks.

Our public resources should be directed toward meaningful priorities that improve the lives of citizens, not toward a grand symbolic structure that many Americans neither need nor want.

I respectfully urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Sincerely,
Susan Harris

Name: Erin Roll
Date: May 27, 2026 9:01:28 am

This vulgar, gilded monstrosity of an arch serves no purpose other than being a monument to Trump's massive ego. It would be a blight on the landscape, an insult to the memory of the soldiers interred at Arlington National Cemetery, and a slap in the face to the American people. Under no circumstances should this arch be allowed to be built.

Name: Carol O'Neil
Date: May 27, 2026 9:02:34 am

As a long time resident of Arlington Virginia who is honored to have six ancestors buried at Arlington Cemetery, I am very strongly opposed to the building of the arch. It would destroy the iconic view from the hill at Arlington , and Lafayette's grave site, to the Lincoln Memorial and further into the city. I cannot express how this idea and the model of the arch disgusts me. Please reconsider and save the view, - C O'Neil

Name: Kathy Thaden
Date: May 27, 2026 9:03:06 am

One of the most symbolic landscape vistas in Washington, DC, the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed with a low profile to respect the visual and symbolic vistas connecting the National Mall and National Cemetery. If constructed as planned at the proposed location, the new Triumphal Arch will obscure the intentional axial and aesthetic relationships between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House.

The unprecedented height and scale of the proposed Triumphal Arch will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House. The proposed Arch would be double the size of the Lincoln Memorial and would risk disrespecting this powerful and beloved monument.

In addition, the proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery. The hallowed resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families, Arlington National Cemetery is a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice, selfless service, and national unity, all within sight of the monumental core of the Nation's Capital. Distinguished by the Tomb of the Unknowns, Memorial Avenue, and rolling hillsides of uniform rows of simple headstones, Arlington National Cemetery is a living memorial that honors thirty funeral services each day. The Arch, as proposed, would dominate Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers.

The Arch, in my opinion, is ill-planned, a detriment to existing monuments and sites, and a waste of taxpayer dollars.

Name: Lisa Foster
Date: May 27, 2026 9:03:20 am

Please do not approve this arch. It does not belong in the location selected for it. More study and research is needed to decide if this piece should even be built and where it would be best suited.

Name: Gabrielle Higgins
Date: May 27, 2026 9:03:25 am

I am writing in opposition to the building of a monumental arch in Washington DC. I feel the arch would overshadow the solemn look and feel of Arlington National Cemetery, where many of our country's brave men and women have been laid to rest. I have visited Arlington National Cemetery, and it is a peaceful and reflective setting. Placing an oversized arch bearing the name of our current president would disrupt the look and feel of the Cemetery, which has been maintained for many years as a solemn reminder of the sacrifices these individuals have made for our country

Name: Jeannine Doyle
Date: May 27, 2026 9:05:14 am

The proposed new "Trump" Monumental Arch would detract from the current beautiful landscape of Washington DC including the well thought out placement of existing memorials. The size and scale of the proposed arch is of great concern as it dwarfs important, treasured landmarks.

Name: Linda Kahley
Date: May 27, 2026 9:05:53 am

I am opposed to the New Monumental arch. I think the gold adornments are gaudy and do not complement the stately simplicity of the other monuments.

I oppose its location which would disrupt the perspective of the Lincoln Memorial and the relationship of the other monuments.

I oppose a monument to observe the 250th anniversary of our country... are we going to build one for other "significant" anniversaries going forward? Hopefully our great nation will have many, many more such milestones.

Name: Elise Eason
Date: May 27, 2026 9:05:54 am

The proposed Arch is dismissive of the ideology that the location represents.
If Donald Trump wants to erect an arch to himself, he should pay for it himself and have it built on his private property.
Please do not allow construction off this arch, with taxpayers' money.

Name: NANCY SOTTOSANTI
Date: May 27, 2026 9:06:47 am

Please do all you can to prevent this Arch being built. It will degrade all the previous monuments to the leaders and to the ones that have have given their lives for our American Democracy.

Name: Rebecca Holden
Date: May 27, 2026 9:07:14 am

The arch proposed by the Trump administration would be a blemish on the beauty and clear plan of our national capital. It would cut the line of sight between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery, highlighting the Trump Administration's lack of respect for those who have served this country in an effort to glorify one man who seeks to destroy our democracy, a man who not only refused to serve but continuously denigrates those who did. We can not allow him to further remake our capital in a Mar a Lago style that no one but him and his cronies have approved.

Name: Joyce Casey
Date: May 27, 2026 9:07:22 am

I am against building this gigantic arch that will distract and block the view from the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington. It is a monstosity, and a waste of much needed money for the needs of the American people.

Name: Carol Bennett
Date: May 27, 2026 9:07:24 am

This is an unnecessary project which will corrupt the careful design of the surrounding area. There is no reason to spend taxpayer or any other money on what would end up being an ill conceived monstrosity. Please kill this project in its entirety.

Name: R Backenroth
Date: May 27, 2026 9:08:24 am

This is NOT what is needed or wanted by the majority of American citizens. Do not waste even more tax money on such a vanity project as this proposed arch!!

Name: Kathleen Fisher
Date: May 27, 2026 9:10:03 am

This is a ridiculous project. It damages the established continuity and view. It is an expensive, ugly, vanity project and has no place in DC.
PLEASE do NOT let this project continue!
Thank you.

Name: LAUREN OLSON
Date: May 27, 2026 9:10:33 am

I oppose the building of a new monumental Arch. At a time when our country is facing accusations of flexing our military might inappropriately, creating a monument to our "glory" implies a level of disregard for the global order. In addition, the proximity to Arlington Cemetery shifts the optical significance to the country's future goals rather than the historic sacrifice of those interred. Furthermore, an arch is a European themed monument, whereas our other American monuments show unique American character. To create a design based on those of another empire, especially those of monarchic roots, defies the basic ideals of the founding of our nation. Finally, the overall cost, despite promises of donations, is off putting. Given the state of Americans' finances, and the size of our National Debt, and expenditure of this size is disrespectful when the country as a whole must tighten their belts.

Name: Eric Ward
Date: May 27, 2026 9:11:04 am

An arch to commemorate 250th anniversary just isn't a good reason to spent the money it will cost! More importantly, the hallowed grounds of Arlington should have this distraction. I very much like the unencumbered view of DC that Arlington enjoys as it contributes to the sanctity of the place.

As for the cost, this is a time America's financial situation is nothing short of grave! DJT's campaign suggested he would cut the deficit, but has done nothing but add more to it than all those who came before him. This has got to stop as it is unsustainable! To spend money we don't have on a monument to mark our 250th anniversary is ridiculous!

Name: Becca Stenzel
Date: May 27, 2026 9:12:51 am

I strongly oppose the installation of the proposed monumental arch. It serves no purpose beyond stroking the ego of an unjust leader and will be a colossal waste of tax payer money. Additionally, it ruins the aesthetic of the city and existing monuments and is disrespectful to the soldiers laying at rest in Arlington national cemetery. I strongly urge you to reject this proposal.

Name: Carol Cantwell
Date: May 27, 2026 9:13:28 am

Please do not allow this massive structure to be built. I truly believe if more people realized the cost and the tragedy this arch will have on the landscape more citizens would be opposed to this being erected. It is a disgrace to our country.

Name: John-Oliver Bessey
Date: May 27, 2026 9:13:36 am

The location of the Arch at Memorial Circle will almost totally interrupt the view to he Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. It's way too big for that roundabout and amounts to government waste and abuse and total lack of reasoning considering the huge deficit. Not the time, not the place, what a waste.

Name: Judy Kimelman
Date: May 27, 2026 9:13:42 am

I am opposed to the building of the Trump arch. It is disrespectful to those who are laid to rest in the Arlington cemetery.

Name: Lori K Peterson
Date: May 27, 2026 9:14:52 am

No monument should be built for such a corrupt evil disgusting president and his administration. I'm a veteran and believe in the solemnity of the area, the history and respect of those before us .
We can't allow Trump's stain to taint this place.

Name: Charles Barton
Date: May 27, 2026 9:15:08 am

Another tRump waste of money and an another (among so many) insult to our beloved veterans. Stop this project before the orange man can waste any more money on his attempt to “trumpize” the entire US.

Name: Gail Harrower
Date: May 27, 2026 9:15:40 am

Please do not allow construction of this arch. It has no purpose and will destroy the view of Arlington cemetery as well as the relationship between the cemetery and the Lincoln memorial. The size in relation to the memorial and the cemetery is absurd. It is a waste of taxpayer dollars that serves no one.

Name: Eileen Curley
Date: May 27, 2026 9:15:44 am

I agree with the below NTHP assessment of the proposed arch in DC. I am a former resident of the DC metro area who rode a bus into the District from Arlington along this route for years. I am also an historian of the arts and understand the historical significance of monument erection. I further believe that these self-aggrandizing monuments are straight out of a dictator’s handbook and are wildly inappropriate for the United States.

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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: Sue King
Date: May 27, 2026 9:16:17 am

The proposed arch is completely out of scale with neighboring architecture and monuments. By its location and scale, it completely disrespects the hallowed ground of the Arlington National Cemetery, the Lincoln Memorial and other internationally known and revered symbols of democracy and the fights for it. At the very least, it needs to be relocated and scaled down dramatically. Additionally, it seems like it will restrict public use of and access to areas currently accessible. Every other monument on the National Mall and other public/taxpayer owned national properties have gone through serious public design processes and reviews before and after legal Section 106 review (when in historic areas) and environmental reviews. It appears non of this required review has occurred and that professional comments to date have been disregarded. As a taxpayer and American citizen, I reject this structure as proposed in its location and scale and request that review officials do so as well. There is no place in America for symbols such as this.

Name: Julie Yacura
Date: May 27, 2026 9:16:41 am

The proposed arch would overshadow Arlington National Cemetery by size and scope and its decorative elements would detract from the austere and solemn beauty of the cemetery.

Name: Nancy Wright
Date: May 27, 2026 9:16:57 am

Good Morning,
I am writing this to strongly oppose the building of the new Monumental Arch for Donald Trump. There is no reason to spoil the drive into Arlington National Cemetery with something that will only feed the ego of our current president! Please give serious consideration to denying this sacrilege.

Thank you,
Nancy Wright

Name: Priscilla Roth
Date: May 27, 2026 9:17:26 am

I am against the building of the Trump Arch. It will be a distraction to Arlington Cemetery and take away sight lines for other memorials. Sometimes less is more when it come to beauty.

Name: Margaret Riggs
Date: May 27, 2026 9:17:41 am

Please do not consider creating the new Monumental Arch. The incredible waste of taxpayer money is appalling.

Name: Angela Collins
Date: May 27, 2026 9:17:42 am

This is an expensive, unnecessary eyesore!

Name: BethAnne Magnuson
Date: May 27, 2026 9:17:45 am

I am writing this in strong opposition to the proposed Arch that would completely change the historic balance and connection between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. There is no need for this arch, it is not celebrating anything momentous, other than one man's ego. I do not want my tax dollars celebrating someone who is so contentious. If, by some strange twist of reality, in the future, history shows that this egotistical man actually did something worth commemorating, the idea of an arch might be considered, in another place. But I firmly believe that history will not support this.

Name: Nancy Doyle
Date: May 27, 2026 9:18:08 am

DON'T DO IT

Name: Caroline Petersen
Date: May 27, 2026 9:18:29 am

I oppose the proposed Monumental Arch which will obscure views of our fallen veterans' sites.

Name: Amelia Randolph
Date: May 27, 2026 9:19:06 am

I highly oppose the construction of the proposed Monumental Arch for a number of reasons: (1) initial construction will significantly disrupt major traffic flow between Arlington and Washington, DC during weekday rush hours and weekend tourist traffic. Creating yet another choke point for traffic into Washington DC should not be a priority and alternate routes of traffic must be improved and addressed before construction (2) constructing this Arch becomes fiscally irresponsible when both Arlington and Washington DC infrastructure requires major investment elsewhere, such as improving/widening roads, improving bridges, and public transportation in the area; (3) the Monumental Arch creates another significant obstacle for air traffic when attempting to land/take off at Reagan Airport. As evidenced by the recent 2025 mid-air collision, air traffic above Washington DC must navigate a number of significant challenges when flying into DCA airport. Adding a large structure this close to DCA significant increases the risk and challenges of navigating air flight in and around DCA.

Name: Mary McCarty
Date: May 27, 2026 9:19:13 am

This commission must stop rubber-stamping every attempt of the current president to permanently change the face of Washington D.C. NONE of his building projects are essential to the running of our country. NONE of his projects are popular with the American people. ALL of his projects will cost the American people billions of dollars that should be spent on the needs of the people. ALL of these projects are simply ego-boosting aggrandizements of an autocrat who believes he needs no one's permission or advice. He acts before any action can be taken. DO NOT LET HIM FURTHER SULLY THE FACE OF OUR CAPITOL WITH HIS NAME, VISAGE, OR SO-CALLED "IMPROVEMENTS."

Please remember your mission to preserve the historical and cultural integrity of our nation's capital.
Don't allow it to become a tribute to an autocratic leader and a travesty of our "government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

Name: Tara Howell
Date: May 27, 2026 9:20:00 am

No, please no. Why is this needed?

Name: April Richmond
Date: May 27, 2026 9:20:19 am

I do not support the placement, installation, or the creation of this arch in this or any other location in Washington DC regardless of funding source.

Name: Deborah A Phalen
Date: May 27, 2026 9:20:48 am

I have grave concerns for the the location of the planned arch. It will not fit in with the current landscape and will ruin the beautiful feeling of Peace as you drive forward. Please do not allow the arch to be built as currently planned. It is too large! It will overwhelm the entire landscape.

Name: Melanie Eckert
Date: May 27, 2026 9:21:38 am

I am opposed to building the Arch. It will look gaudy and out of place. It will be disproportionately large. It is a huge waste of tax dollars.

Name: Kellie McClure

Date: May 27, 2026 9:21:51 am

I am writing today to vehemently oppose the construction of a monument by a sitting president celebrating his own achievements. The use of taxpayer money to celebrate the “achievements” of a president while simultaneously cutting funding for programs that support Americans is unconscionable. Trump’s vanity projects must stop.

Name: Elsa Payne

Date: May 27, 2026 9:22:26 am

I respectfully disapprove of the proposed new Monumental Arch. It does not represent anything historically significant. The architecture does not invoke anything American and does not blend in with other monuments nearby. It is gaudy in my opinion. The cost of this monument along with other unnecessary construction projects is obscene and not worth doing. Please don't do it!

Sincerely

Elsa Payne

Name: Dinah Zeltser

Date: May 27, 2026 9:23:57 am

Dear NCPD

I fully concur with the comments below submitted by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. As a resident of DC and frequent visitor to the area under consideration for construction I urgently urge you to respect the wishes of DC residents to not build an Arch.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation in the United States (“National Trust”) is a private charitable, educational, nonprofit corporation headquartered in Washington, D.C. and chartered by Congress in 1949 to further the historic preservation policy of the United States. 54 U.S.C. § 312102(a). This Congressional charter obligates the National Trust to “facilitate public participation in the preservation of sites, buildings, and objects of national significance or interest.”

We respectfully submit the following comments concerning the current proposal by the Executive Office of the President and the U.S. Department of the Interior to construct a new Triumphal Arch at Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. We urge the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts (“CFA”) to consider these comments in connection with its responsibility under the Commemorative Works Act, following consultation with the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission, to approve site and design proposals for commemorative works so that such works do “not interfere with, or encroach on, an existing commemorative work,” and “to the maximum extent practicable, it protects open space, existing public use, and cultural and natural resources.” 40 U.S.C. § 8905(b)(2). We would also remind the Commissioners that the Commemorative Works Act requires the project to be approved by Congress. Id. § 8903.

After reviewing the revised concept plans that have been submitted to CFA, the National Trust remains concerned about the location, height, scale, and design of the proposed Triumphal Arch, the manner in which it interferes with existing commemorative works and fails to protect existing public uses and cultural resources. Notwithstanding comments and recommendations by Commission members at the April 2026 meeting, the modifications to the proposal have been minimal. Most notably, the 68-foot-high sculpture at the top of the proposed Arch has not been removed or reduced, contrary to the Commissioners’ recommendation. In addition, the revised proposal does not appear to include secondary open archways within the legs of the central arch in order to make it more open, as recommended by the Commissioners.

The location of the proposed Arch, at Memorial Circle, will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscape vistas in Washington, DC, the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed with a low profile to respect the visual and symbolic vistas connecting the National Mall and National Cemetery. If constructed as planned at the proposed location, the new Triumphal Arch will obscure the intentional axial and aesthetic relationships between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House.

The National Trust is also deeply concerned about the unprecedented height and scale of the proposed Triumphal Arch, which will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House. The proposed Arch would be double the size of the Lincoln Memorial and would risk disrespecting this powerful and beloved monument. As such, the Triumphal Arch is inconsistent with the McMillan Plan and subsequent planning decisions that have stewarded the National Mall as a unified composition characterized by long, open, and uninterrupted viewsheds, with a clear hierarchy of monumental elements, that culminates at its western end at the Lincoln Memorial.

In addition, the proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery. The hallowed resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families, Arlington National Cemetery is a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice, selfless service, and national unity, all within sight of the monumental core of the Nation’s Capital. Distinguished by the Tomb of the Unknowns, Memorial Avenue, and rolling hillsides of uniform rows of simple headstones, Arlington National Cemetery is a living memorial that honors thirty funeral services each day. The Arch, as proposed,

would dominate Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers.

Finally, it is important to note that review of the proposal under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act has not yet been initiated. We understand that the National Park Service will be initiating Section 106 consultation soon, but the statute mandates that the review process be completed "prior to" approval of the project. 54 U.S.C. § 306108. In addition, based on past experience with Section 106 consultation in the National Capitol region, the proposed plans will be improved in response to the collaborative review and comments from the expert professional staff of the involved agencies, including the Commission's own staff. We urge the Commission members to defer any decision in order to be informed by the Section 106 process.

Name: Sylvia Woolard
Date: May 27, 2026 9:24:09 am

Please vote No; this is an inappropriate use of taxpayer funds and government property.

Name: Sharon Luciano
Date: May 27, 2026 9:25:57 am

This a vulgar eyesore, a waste of taxpayer money, and an insult to the men and women buried there.

Name: Melissa Freer
Date: May 27, 2026 9:26:22 am

I am opposed to this arch. Not only is it unnecessary, but given the struggle people are having paying for gas and food, this seems like a gross amount of money to spend on an extravagant building that nobody wants. There are way better things we could be spending our money on and this is not it.

Name: Sharon Magill
Date: May 27, 2026 9:26:44 am

Under no circumstances should the planning commission approve the proposed "monumental" arch, which would drastically alter the existing relationship between the monuments and the cemetery. This knock-off of the Arc de Triumph has no place in the United States Capitol.

Name: Elizabeth Strawbridge
Date: May 27, 2026 9:26:50 am

There is Absolutely no need for bringing this obscene vanity project anywhere near these hallowed grounds- not to mention the cost at a time when the national debt is skyrocketing and people are struggling. I am virulently opposed to this arch being built!

Name: Gaylynn Lynch
Date: May 27, 2026 9:27:21 am

I have significant concerns that the size and location of f the proposed arch will distract from Arlington Cemetery and interrupt the intentional connection between that sacred ground and the Lincoln Memorial. I also feel that such a monument is antitheses to our country's values and ideals. Please stop it's building on behalf of the American people!

Name: Susan Borowick
Date: May 27, 2026 9:27:36 am

I object strongly to the construction of the new monumental arch. It will spoil the approach to Arlington National Cemetary, one of America's most sacred sites, with a vanity project honoring "Cadet Bonespurs" - a man who avoided military service like the plague, and who dishonored our veterans by calling them "suckers" and "losers."

I implore you to abandon this project. It would be a gigantic stain on our nation's conscience. It's also ugly.

Name: Helen Pashley
Date: May 27, 2026 9:28:48 am

The proposed monumental arch will blight the historic and well-loved monuments currently in the area. It will denigrate their importance and significantly lower the enjoyment of the public. It is nothing more than another grandstanding effort by Trump to force his self-glorification on a public that does not want it. Please do not approve this project and see that he cannot ignore the injunction as he has with so many other issues. Our heritage should not be ruined to appease one man's vanity.

Name: Bernadette McMahon
Date: May 27, 2026 9:31:15 am

Please do not allow this vainglorious project to continue. So many reasons, including air safety, historical context, beauty (in the eye of the beholder for sure). Most of all, the existing vista from the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington Cemetery (and the reverse!) is peaceful, beautiful, and meaningful. Do not allow it to be marred. Thank you.

Name: Claudia Weisner
Date: May 27, 2026 9:32:34 am

This ugly arch will destroy the beauty of the city and solem feeling of nearby Arlington Cemetary. No to this kitschy montrosity!!!

Name: Dorothy Luckie
Date: May 27, 2026 9:32:38 am

It usually takes years for national monuments and new DC museums to be approved. It is ridiculous that Trump is pushing thru new buildings with no regard to historical significance.

This proposed arch is nothing but a tribute to himself.

It will block the views of Arlington Cemetery.

This arch is NOT needed and if it really is needed maybe we could have an actual thought out discussion about it and it's design and location instead of bowing down in fear of Trump.

Name: Judith Warren
Date: May 27, 2026 9:32:50 am

WeI strongly protest the construction of this huge monument, a vanity project for President Trump. It is too big for the surroundings, gaudy and far too expensive for taxpayers. It will have a negative impact upon the nearby national cemetery. Thank you, Mr and Mrs Gordon Warren of Spokane Valley, WA.

Name: Michael Allen
Date: May 27, 2026 9:33:33 am

There is no way this should be allowed. It is not only a gross waste of Taxpayer money it blocks the view of Arlington. It will be an eyesore and a constant reminder of a time when government let projects like this destroy our beautiful capitol.

Name: Janet Pippins
Date: May 27, 2026 9:33:44 am

I'm past sick and tired of my tax dollars funding Donald Trump's stupid vanity projects.

Name: Virginia Lebold
Date: May 27, 2026 9:35:10 am

This project interrupts the view of Arlington National Cemetery. It adds nothing to the beauty of Washington D, C. I am NOT in favor of the building of this arch.

Name: Fergus MacDonald
Date: May 27, 2026 9:35:38 am

The views between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery are iconic and symbolic. I don't understand why the Planning Commission could even be considering placing such a monstrosity to ruin that view. The arch is not beautiful. It isn't even original because they are in other cities. What makes this one slightly different is the humongous size that would dwarf the Lincoln Memorial. That is not a testament to anything other than the current president's desire to overcompensate for his shortcomings. Monuments are not grander because of size, nor does size add to its meaning. As a life-long resident of the city, my favorite monuments are The Vietnam Memorial and the FDR Memorial. Not huge monstrosities, but memorials with a real, profound statement.

My grandparents are buried in Arlington Cemetery. They gave their lives to their country, as did the others who are buried around them. Don't allow the president to diminish their sacrifices by putting a hideous vanity project up that would shadow the cemetery.

Name: Mitch Powers
Date: May 27, 2026 9:36:00 am

100% opposed to the Arch.

Name: Elodie Reavis
Date: May 27, 2026 9:36:11 am

Please, please, please don't let happen. Our nation's capitol has been desecrated enough. Please keep the integrity of what it's always been - not what it's becoming now.

Name: Jeanne Kenaston
Date: May 27, 2026 9:36:13 am

Please do not approve this arch. It is a vanity project and will do irreparable damage to the viewscape of the Lincoln Memorial and entrance to the hallowed ground of Arlington National Cemetery. It will tower over the area and to what purpose?

Name: Dawn Daly
Date: May 27, 2026 9:36:29 am

Please no arch. Respect the history that is presently there. There is no need to waste money on an arch.

Name: Jessica Munro
Date: May 27, 2026 9:36:53 am

The proposed "triumphal arch" is not only gaudy, meretricious and un-American-looking, but it is disrespectful to the existing collection of monuments and the Arlington National Cemetery. Framing the homestead of Confederate general Robert E. Lee is a slap in the face to our Civil War fallen and an insult to all people of color. I respectfully request that this proposal be rejected in totality.

Name: Anna Cline
Date: May 27, 2026 9:38:33 am

Just a regular American here who still believes we can turn this thing around and fix this country from the damage that's been done over the last decade. This arch would be an abomination. All it was symbolize is the depths of depravity this country has sunk to with the current administration. It will be a monument to corruption, to greed, to grift, rape and pedophilia. That is what it would be a monument to.

Beyond the symbolic nature of this creation would be the fact that it destroys the beauty of how Washington DC was laid out. It's bad enough that the reflecting pond no longer reflects because the current occupant of the White House doesn't understand what a reflecting pool is for or how it operates. To allow this monstrosity to come to fruition would be an abomination much like the destruction of the East Wing. I beg of this committee to not allow such an awful ever present reminder of these last years. I can almost guarantee that those of us who love our nation's capital and have visited it many times would no longer have the desire to come down there to have to see that disgusting thing in person.

Name: Karen Vander Molen
Date: May 27, 2026 9:39:30 am

I would like to register my objection to building the "Monumental Arch" in Washington, DC. Our Nation's Capitol was laid out carefully and deliberately, resulting in a beautiful alignment of significant buildings. The placement and design of this Arch would destroy that plan and impose itself visually and physically in a most unsatisfying way. If an Arch had been deemed important enough, it would have been included in the original design. It wasn't and it isn't.

Please do not permit this to be built.

Name: Lois Brisco
Date: May 27, 2026 9:39:35 am

I as an Independent voter and having viewed the beauty and symbolism of The Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Cemetery and Capital Mall oppose the building of an arch that undermines the symbolism and history there. We need the Historic Comity decide what and where is appropriate.

Name: Leslie Waterson
Date: May 27, 2026 9:40:03 am

A unnecessary use of public land and finances all to self promote a person that has done nothing to merit such action. A colossal mistake.

Name: Laura Travis
Date: May 27, 2026 9:41:21 am

I am deeply concerned about the location, height, scale, and design of the proposed Triumphal Arch, the manner in which it interferes with existing commemorative works, and how it interferes with existing public uses and cultural resources. Comments and recommendations by Commission members at the April 2026 meeting have been largely ignored. Most notably, the 68-foot-high sculpture at the top of the proposed Arch has not been removed or reduced, contrary to the Commissioners' recommendation. In addition, the revised proposal does not appear to include secondary open archways within the legs of the central arch in order to make it more open, as recommended by the Commissioners.

This project should not go forward.

Name: Tom Oswald
Date: May 27, 2026 9:43:44 am

I strongly oppose the building of Trump's Triumphful Arch. It's planned extreme size, location and gaudy gold details are the epitome of bad taste and a total lack of respect for the elegant yet simply and quietly profound symbolism of our Lincoln and Washington memorials and Arlington. These are what I as a first and only time visitor to DC anxiously awaited my first glimpse of and these are at the top of the list to represent what our beloved country stands for. The arch has absolutely no meaning to anything other than to the vanity of one man.

Name: Carolyn Palmer
Date: May 27, 2026 9:43:51 am

I register my disapproval of the proposed monumental arch, because it directly interrupts the existing (sacred, national) purpose of the landscape and view connecting the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. The proposed interruption by means of an outsized arch is an insult to the unity intended by the existing designs. The arch would celebrate one man, without any basis for it representing the American people or enterprise. This is the antithesis of what the landscape currently recognizes. I most strongly oppose the proposed arch.

Name: Sheila McGuire
Date: May 27, 2026 9:44:36 am

The first and only time my family and I visited Washington DC was incredible. We were awestruck and especially impressed by the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery, hallowed ground. Therefore, we are 100% in opposition of this proposed arch. It would corrupt the thoughtful design of the area and dwarf other pieces of the landscape, including the Lincoln Memorial. It is unnecessary and un-American and a completely inappropriate way to "celebrate" our 250th birthday. It's long past time for people to tell the man who currently occupies the people's house that America isn't about him. Never was and never will be. Stop catering to his whims and vanity projects. Building huge triumphal arches is what dictators do.

Name: Stephanie Zimmerman Zimmerman
Date: May 27, 2026 9:44:54 am

I am writing to protest the proposed "Monumental" arch.
There is no need for this arch.
It is an enormous waste of money at a time when many Americans are struggling to chose between fuel to get to work and food and medicine for their families.
It is a grotesque size and will block the view both to and from a revered cemetery honouring people who have given their lives and is an ego trip for a man who never made a sacrifice for others in his life.
It is a potential safety hazard on a flight path that is already troubled and difficult and has already had a tragic accident in very recent memory.
No one except the President and his lackeys wants it.
Sincerely.

Name: Gary Reavis
Date: May 27, 2026 9:46:02 am

Allowing this arch to be constructed is allowing one man to dictate that he can do whatever he wants. D.C. government buildings and monuments belong to all U.S. citizens. This arch would be an eyesore and disrespectful to the Arlington Military Cemetery. Please consider that this country belongs to all U.S. citizens, not just one.

Name: Harold Watters
Date: May 27, 2026 9:46:06 am

As a Veteran of 23 years, it pains me to see this being planned. It is a disgrace to the men and women who gave their lives for this country. Arlington is a place of reflection and this dedication to Donald Trump is only a distraction to our heroes.

As a tax payer I don't want to pay for this or any of the projects being planned. The reflecting pool looks more like a swimming pool, the taking down of the east wing and now wanting tax payers to pay for it when healthcare, national parks, and many other programs have been cut. This is not wanted.

Put it to a public vote.

Name: Sheryl Bower
Date: May 27, 2026 9:46:22 am

I am writing to express strong opposition to the proposed commemorative arch. This proposal is fundamentally out of context with the historic planning framework of Washington, DC, and it raises significant concerns about process, precedent, and responsible stewardship of public resources. The arch conflicts with the L'Enfant and McMillan Plans, which form the backbone of the city's nationally protected urban design. These plans emphasize open vistas, axial clarity, and a cohesive neoclassical vocabulary. Introducing a monumental structure of this nature — without integration into the established planning language — would undermine the historical integrity that the NCPC is charged with preserving. Equally troubling is the lack of transparent vetting. Major additions to the monumental core require rigorous review, public consultation, and expert evaluation. This proposal has not undergone the standard design competition, stakeholder engagement, or feasibility analysis expected for projects of this scale. Advancing it without those steps would set a damaging precedent for bypassing established federal planning processes. The project also represents a misuse of taxpayer funds. At a time when federal agencies face competing infrastructure, maintenance, and public-service needs, allocating substantial resources to a discretionary commemorative structure is neither fiscally responsible nor aligned with broader public priorities. Finally, the proposal reads as a self-referential monument, rather than a contribution to the shared civic landscape. Washington's monumental core is reserved for symbols of national significance, not personal commemoration. Allowing an unvetted, individual-focused structure would erode the principles that have guided federal planning for more than a century. For these reasons, I urge the NCPC to reject the proposed arch and reaffirm its commitment to historically grounded, publicly accountable, and fiscally responsible planning for the nation's capital.

Name: David Fish
Date: May 27, 2026 9:48:00 am

I am voicing my complete disapproval for just one more of example of the current President's vanity projects. He has said specifically that this Arch is being built for him. With all of the many pressing problems currently affecting ordinary Americans, this President seems more focused on plastering his name and creating monuments celebrating him. This Arch will destroy the beauty and dignity of the sacred grounds acknowledging the sacrifices many Americans made while serv8ng this country.

Name: Kathy Winecoff
Date: May 27, 2026 9:48:01 am

Look, I'm not in favor of the arch and not just because Trump wants it. I would reject such a thing from any person. I don't care if they've shortened it and removed 4 lions. I don't think it's representative of the United States. I like the understated and respectful way the architecture of DC has represented us until lately. As I understand it, this arch would infringe on the sight lines of the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. For those 2 reasons alone, I reject the proposed arch.

Thank you .

Sincerely,

Kathy Winecoff, a US citizen, left leaning, Independent from South Carolina.

Name: Bonnie Hatfield
Date: May 27, 2026 9:48:38 am

This would destroy the line of sight from Arlington National Cemetery to the Capitol and serves no other purpose that to appease the ego of the narcissist that is Donald Trump. Someone please stand up and stop the destruction of our nation at his hands. Do not approve this arch.

Name: Meg Fischer
Date: May 27, 2026 9:48:56 am

As a senior citizen, I've seen many changes in our government but none so distressing as what is being done by the recent administration. Trump has no right - morally and legally to build an arch in his honor. I strongly request this project be cancelled for the good of our country and I sincerely hope you have the power and conscience to do what is right.

Name: Phyllis Mulligan
Date: May 27, 2026 9:49:50 am

I am against this arch being built . My tax dollars can be better spent helping the American people that are struggling day by day.

Name: sandra bareither
Date: May 27, 2026 9:51:09 am

I'm writing to endorse a NO vote on trump's arch. It is not only oversized and insulting to surrounding historical features, but also an unethical use of taxpayers dollars while our country is suffering major economic hardships.
The area surrounding our now defaced capital was planned for maximum respect to our country's history and the people who made it great, but this arch is intended to satisfy one man's ego.
Please vote no on this wasteful, disrespectful monstrosity.
Thank you
Sandy Bareither

Name: Constance Weaver
Date: May 27, 2026 9:51:17 am

Please do not allow this!
This is an area designated for somber reflection on, and appreciation of, those who gave all.
The arch will drastically take away the intended message of the area.

Name: Lynne Westra
Date: May 27, 2026 9:54:01 am

My grandfather is buried in the Arlington National Cemetery. This monstrous and atrocious arch mocks the solemn resting place of our veterans.

DO NOT APPROVE THIS!

Name: Charles Ray
Date: May 27, 2026 9:54:30 am

As a veteran with 20 years of military service, including 2 tours in Vietnam, and a 30-year veteran American diplomat, I object to the monumental arch in the strongest terms. One of the things I do almost every time I visit Washington, DC is either go to the Mall and look up at Arlington Cemetery from the Lincoln Memorial, or visit Arlington and look down at the view of the Mall, from Lincoln Memorial, past the Washington Monument, to the Capitol. What this does for me is remind me of what those lying beneath the white markers at Arlington sacrificed for. It is that connection between their service and the country they fought and died for. It makes me feel a part of this country's history, despite the fact that often some of our political leaders have disparaged the role that people like me have played. This arch, positioned where it will block the view from both directions, is a garish tribute to one man's vanity, and has no place in a democracy of, by, and for the People. If you have a scintilla of love and respect for this country and the people whose blood has kept it free for 250 years, you will disapprove this vanity project.

Name: Lisa Orange
Date: May 27, 2026 9:54:59 am

The location, height, scale, and design of the proposed Arch are all wrong for this site. The Arch would interfere with existing commemorative works and iconic cultural resources. It has not been approved by Congress as required by law.

Name: Claudia Zimarowski
Date: May 27, 2026 9:56:50 am

This 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: Kurt Kuhlmann
Date: May 27, 2026 9:57:28 am

This proposed monument seems to lack any purpose- what is it intended to celebrate? It certainly doesn't belong in between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery. If Washington DC needs a monumental arch, it should go through the normal process of approval and funding.

Name: James Shepard
Date: May 27, 2026 9:57:32 am

I am unaware of a single person who is in favor of this eyesore or who believes that it is a good idea. To interrupt the well planned view scape from the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington would be a desecration of hallowed national landmarks solely for the purpose of gratifying a single ego. Please do whatever you can to stop this boondoggle in its tracks. No one person should be allowed to alter the nature of our capital in this highly disruptive manner.

Name: Margaret DuPont
Date: May 27, 2026 9:58:04 am

The arch is unsuitable for its proposed location, or any Washington DC location. It is grossly oversized. It serves no commemorative purpose. It is a waste of money. It is a folly.

Name: Elizabeth Perkins

Date: May 27, 2026 9:58:08 am

The arch is not needed. It is too large for the site, and would detract from the sacred space between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery. It is Trump's vanity project. The national debt has become staggering during Trump's lack of leadership. Our honored dead deserve better than to have a monument to a pedophile military hater. He never served and called them suckers and losers. My grandfather is buried there (Spanish American War) and brother (Two tours in Vietnam). So many heroes rest there. It would block the view of the eternal flame. Please do not allow this expensive, white monstrosity to be built.

Name: Martin Rose

Date: May 27, 2026 9:58:18 am

PUBLIC COMMENT DRAFT (Legal-Hook Version)

Subject: Comment on Proposed Monumental Arch – Procedural and Statutory Concerns

I submit this comment to request that the National Capital Planning Commission refrain from advancing the proposed monumental arch until the project complies with all statutory requirements under the Commemorative Works Act (CWA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

1. Commemorative Works Act (CWA) Applicability

The proposed arch appears to constitute a "commemorative work" under 40 U.S.C. § 8902(a). If so, the project requires explicit congressional authorization.

I request that NCPC clarify:

- Whether the project has been formally classified as a commemorative work
- Whether congressional authorization has been obtained
- Whether the proposed site lies within Area I or Area II
- Whether the project complies with the statutory prohibition on new commemorative works on the National Mall

If the project is being treated as non-commemorative, I request disclosure of the legal rationale for that determination, including any written opinions or internal guidance.

2. NEPA Compliance and Alternatives Analysis

A monumental structure of this scale constitutes a major federal action requiring a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

I request that NCPC ensure:

- A full range of reasonable alternatives is evaluated, including the "no-build" alternative
- Visual, cultural, and transportation impacts are analyzed
- Cumulative impacts are addressed
- Public scoping meetings are held prior to any decision

Any attempt to rely on a Categorical Exclusion or abbreviated Environmental Assessment would be inconsistent with NEPA case law for projects of this magnitude.

3. Section 106 Consultation Requirements

The proposed arch would affect multiple historic resources, including the L'Enfant Plan, the McMillan Plan, and adjacent historic districts.

I request confirmation that:

- Consulting parties have been invited
- Tribal consultation has been initiated
- Area of Potential Effects (APE) has been defined
- Alternatives and mitigation measures will be developed through the Section 106 process

4. Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) Jurisdiction

Because the project is monumental in scale and symbolic in character, CFA review is required under the CWA and the Shipstead-Luce Act.

- I request that NCPC clarify the sequencing of CFA review and whether CFA has been consulted regarding the conceptual design.

5. Request for Transparency and Documentation

To ensure a legally adequate administrative record, I request that NCPC make publicly available:

- All classification memos regarding CWA applicability
- Any correspondence with congressional committees
- Any preliminary NEPA documentation
- Any Section 106 initiation letters
- Any interagency design review comments

Conclusion

Until the project complies with the CWA, NEPA, and NHPA, NCPC should not advance it beyond preliminary review.

Failure to follow these statutory requirements would expose the project to significant legal vulnerability under the Administrative Procedure Act.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Martin. A. Rose

Name: Susan Bullock

Date: May 27, 2026 9:58:22 am

Please do not approve construction of the "New Monumental Arch"! It's an eyesore, it's unnecessary, and a waste of taxpayer dollars. Proposed positioning this giant monstrosity is offensive as well.

Thank you!

Name: Jennifer Neale

Date: May 27, 2026 9:58:46 am

To the National Capitol Planning Commission -

I, a private citizen of the United States, submit these comments in opposition to the Monumental Arch. The proposed Monumental Arch will alter the character and feel of the Nation's Capitol in a way that detracts from the history and honor currently represented in the existing monuments.

After reviewing the revised concept plans that have been submitted to CFA, I am concerned about the location, height, scale, and design of the proposed Monumental Arch, the manner in which it interferes with existing commemorative works and fails to protect existing public uses and cultural resources. The Arch is not only out of scale with existing monuments -

projected to be twice the height of the Lincoln Memorial, but the location disrupts historical view corridors.

The location of the proposed Arch, at Memorial Circle, will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscape vistas in Washington, DC, the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed with a low profile to respect the visual and symbolic vistas connecting the National Mall and National Cemetery. If constructed as planned at the proposed location, the new Monumental Arch will obscure the intentional axial and aesthetic relationships between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House.

In addition, the proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery. The hallowed resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families, Arlington National Cemetery is a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice, selfless service, and national unity, all within sight of the monumental core of the Nation's Capital. Distinguished by the Tomb of the Unknowns, Memorial Avenue, and rolling hillsides of uniform rows of simple headstones. The Arch, as proposed, would dominate Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers.

Finally, it is important to note that review of the proposal under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act has not yet been initiated. It is imperative that all procedures for formal approval be followed. No administration may disregard procedure and protocol simply because they don't like the rules or the timeline. We are a country founded on procedure, it is why we have been so successful for the last 250 years. If we disregard approvals and procedure now, we will no longer be the powerful democracy we claim to be.

Sincerely,
A concerned citizen
Jennifer Neale

Name: Kathleen Tindle
Date: May 27, 2026 10:00:38 am

Dear Esteemed Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,

I would like to express my sincere concerns about the proposed New Monumental Arch. The Commemorative Works Act states that new projects should not interfere with existing commemorative works.

From my understanding of this project, in its proposed dimensions, the arch would interfere with the existing commemorative works of the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery. I would urge the NCPC and the National Park Service, under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, to participate in a thorough review and consider alternatives to the design and location of the arch. In this process, the project re-design would then be brought before Congress for their approval, as required by the Commemorative Works Act.

Both of my parents are buried in Arlington National Cemetery. I would feel personally distraught if this arch, as proposed, moved forward. The location, height, and scale would interfere with the visual landscape now enjoyed between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. Moving forward with this project would disrespect the veterans, including my parents, buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Tindle

Name: Brooks Thorlaksson
Date: May 27, 2026 10:00:57 am

I am unalterably opposed to this project. It does not fit into the current environment, it does not represent democracy, and it will be an architectural monstrosity, outsize and representative of a past era.

Name: Cherith Bevers
Date: May 27, 2026 10:01:25 am

There is NO need for this arch and I am strongly opposed to this project based on expense and how it will infringe on the sanctity of Arlington National Cemetery!

Name: Vicky Rankin
Date: May 27, 2026 10:01:55 am

This proposed project would take away from the simplicity and the beauty of the current landscape. Arlington National Cemetery is a powerful reminder of generations of sacrifice and a place of comfort to their families and to our country.

To build a huge vanity arch that completely takes over the view of both Arlington and the Lincoln Memorial would be a slap in the face to everyone who has ever served and to everyone that cares about what our country stands for.

The American people overwhelming DO NOT want this arch and this idea needs to be shut down before it's too late.

Name: Sandra Decker
Date: May 27, 2026 10:02:28 am

Do NOT build the arch. Respect our Veterans, and leave the space open, as intended. Our country does not build monuments to flatter a living person's ego. Shame! This offensive plan must be stopped, the citizens of this great nations do not want it. If the existing rules for such a proposal are followed, and it goes through the legal process, it will be DENIED. Make sure it does.

Name: Sheila Parks
Date: May 27, 2026 10:03:10 am

I have serious concerns about the proposed arch. The location of the proposed Arch, at Memorial Circle, will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscape vistas in Washington, DC, the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. If constructed as planned at the proposed location, the new Triumphal Arch will obscure the intentional axial and aesthetic relationships between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House.

The unprecedented height and scale of the proposed Triumphal Arch, will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House. The proposed Arch would be double the size of the Lincoln Memorial and would risk disrespecting this powerful and beloved monument. As such, the Triumphal Arch is inconsistent with the McMillan

Plan and subsequent planning decisions that have stewarded the National Mall as a unified composition characterized by long, open, and uninterrupted viewsheds, with a clear hierarchy of monumental elements, that culminates at its western end at the Lincoln Memorial.

Most importantly, the proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery. The hallowed resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families, Arlington National Cemetery is a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice, selfless service, and national unity, all within sight of the monumental core of the Nation's Capital. Distinguished by the Tomb of the Unknowns, Memorial Avenue, and rolling hillsides of uniform rows of simple headstones, Arlington National Cemetery is a living memorial that honors thirty funeral services each day. The Arch, as proposed, would dominate Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers.

There is no need and no precedent for a sitting President to deface the National Mall with their own likeness or vanity projects. Please honor the existing monuments and the gravesites of our soldiers and deny this permit and the project as a whole.

Thank you,
Sheila Parks

Name: Susan Graham
Date: May 27, 2026 10:03:11 am

Please do not build the arch, it will block our beautiful views.

Name: Patricia Aitken
Date: May 27, 2026 10:05:13 am

I strongly object to this proposed action.

Name: Linda Walters
Date: May 27, 2026 10:05:39 am

I would like to express my disapproval for the proposed Monumental Arch. The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. This proposed arch has no significance relating to these sacred memorials. It will diminish what the heroic efforts of soldiers laid to rest at Arlington. It is simply another vanity project by Mr. Trump. I respectfully request that this project not be approved in any form.

Linda Walters

Name: Esme Sifuentes
Date: May 27, 2026 10:06:20 am

I am totally opposed to the proposed arch, which would change the vista, emphasis, and the symbolism of the current monuments. I'm outraged that this is being considered.

Name: Cathy Lavin
Date: May 27, 2026 10:06:21 am

Wasteful spending of my money, destroying the significance of Arlington National Cemetery. This vanity project should not take place.

Name: Linda Howard
Date: May 27, 2026 10:06:48 am

The Arch is not needed for any purpose and destroys the view and ties between the Lincoln Memorial to the Arlington National Cemetery. This is a symbolic National treasure, and the view should not be altered for the whims of a few.

Name: Carol Doehne
Date: May 27, 2026 10:06:53 am

No arch. There is absolutely no need to bring this obscene vanity project anywhere near the hallowed grounds of Arlington National Cemetery. This plan is an insult to all those buried there. A Trump Arch has no place in our nation's capital, where it would overwhelm the existing memorials.

Name: Debra Bridson
Date: May 27, 2026 10:07:04 am

I would like to express my objection to the proposed monstrosity Arch. This would distract from the spectacular views of our most treasured sacred grounds Arlington National Cemetery. Please do not allow this to proceed. There is no public benefit.

Thank you,
Debra Bridson

Name: Darci Minnella
Date: May 27, 2026 10:07:27 am

I stand with the veterans who admirably supported our country through their service and agree that this newly proposed arch will interfere with the aesthetic of what is currently in place. This is nothing more than one of Trump's many vanity projects, that the country cannot afford at this time while we're in the midst of a war he started, paying \$4.45 per gallon of gas and his additional vanity projects (reflecting pool and ballroom) are running significantly over cost.

I know someone personally who is buried in Arlington, therefore I want the dignity that the current entrance to the hallowed grounds remain to stay as is.

Name: Anne Currie
Date: May 27, 2026 10:07:44 am

The new monumental arch needs to be either eliminated or significantly reduced in scale as to not obstruct the view of the other historic monuments along the National Mall.

Name: Ginny Barnes
Date: May 27, 2026 10:08:06 am

Disagree with establishment of this arch- too large, inappropriate for area-does not reflect national values

Name: Annie Riggs
Date: May 27, 2026 10:08:12 am

I wholeheartedly disapprove of the construction of this monstrosity. All management of and construction on Public lands should be guided by the will of the people of the United States, not that of the person who temporarily happens to hold the office of president. The design of the arch is poor, without positive significant meaning behind it, and has been pushed through by politically appointed cronies of the current administration. Not to mention that it will detract from the beauty and spirit of the Lincoln Monument & Arlington National Cemetery. Our tax dollars should be better spent on the people of this country rather than appeasing the ego of the president.

Please do not allow this monstrosity to go forward.

Name: Stacey Gustafson
Date: May 27, 2026 10:08:22 am

This project is an abuse of public funds and disrespectful of previous memorials.

Name: Kristy Katz
Date: May 27, 2026 10:08:29 am

This Arch overpowers the unobstructed current view. Arlington Cemetery does not need an oversized Arch at it's entrance. We need to keep the solemn, long and low view we have.

The United States does not need an Arch because other countries have one. The taxpayer needs relief these days, not vanity projects. Do not approve this wasteful use of taxpayer money. Thank you

Name: Alberta Lindauer
Date: May 27, 2026 10:08:59 am

There are many other things much more important to the welling being of the citizens of this country than a New Arch. Many citizens can't afford the basic necessities so spending money on this is shameful. It is widely known it's not something most citizens want and certainly don't feel the need for. The wants and desires of 1 man should not override the wants and needs of the American people.

Name: Suzanne Thompson
Date: May 27, 2026 10:09:05 am

NO to this absolutely hideous monstrosity.

Name: Tina Vasen
Date: May 27, 2026 10:09:46 am

I formally register my strong opposition to the proposed 250-foot Independence Arch in Washington, D.C. This [vanity] project represents an unprecedented and inappropriate alteration to our nation's most hallowed ceremonial landscape for several critical reasons:

Obstructs Historic Sightlines: At 250 feet tall, the arch would irreversibly block the celebrated, protected view between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House at Arlington National Cemetery. This carefully preserved axis was deliberately designed to symbolize national unity.

Bypasses Legislative Process: The Commemorative Works Act explicitly requires express authorization from Congress for new monuments on federal reservations in the capital. Bypassing Congress undermines the established democratic process for our national memorials.

Disregards Public Consensus: This unilateral vanity project is being forced through despite overwhelming public dissent, with early public comment periods reflecting near-unanimous opposition to the scale and necessity of the structure.

Aviation and Traffic Hazards: Positioning a massive 25-story monument on Memorial Circle introduces distracting visual clutter and potential hazards to the ceremonial gateway and nearby Reagan National Airport.

Monuments in the nation's capital should honor established, universally recognized legacies of service, not a sitting president and I strongly urge the commission to reject this proposal.

Thank you.

Name: Lori Carpenter
Date: May 27, 2026 10:09:47 am

This monument is a monumental waste of taxpayer's money. Its sole purpose is to feed Trump's ego. PLEASE don't approve it.

Name: Christina Christl
Date: May 27, 2026 10:09:51 am

I wish to express that I do not want this arch. I think it's size and location will alter the existing memorials experience in such a way that diminishes them.

Name: Andrea Burns
Date: May 27, 2026 10:10:29 am

No arch. Out of scale. Will sink. Thank you.

Name: Chris Helmsworth
Date: May 27, 2026 10:10:31 am

I am writing to express my opposition to the construction of the arch. Such a structure is out of scale for the rest of the monuments in D.C. Moreover, it would block the view to Arlington Cemetery, a place that I have visited many times and is as close to holy ground as exists in this country. Additionally, while it is clear what other monuments in D.C. commemorate, the purpose of this monument is unclear at this time, and will likely have less meaning to future generations. Please note not approve this construction.

Name: peg patton
Date: May 27, 2026 10:11:42 am

I oppose the Monumental Arch.

The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. 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: Cindy Nord
Date: May 27, 2026 10:12:21 am

The country is in need of funding for so many more important things. The arch project serves no purpose and is nothing more than more eye candy for the president. It means NOTHING to the people of the USA. It is just another distraction from important national and global issues.

Name: Lisa Hardigan
Date: May 27, 2026 10:13:08 am

We don't need any more projects to inflate the president's ego.

Name: Theresa McClean
Date: May 27, 2026 10:13:24 am

My comment to the National Capital Planning Commission, please do not allow this President to change Washington's historic landscapes. This great National capital is being transformed into a Trump Real Estate development and Kingdom instead of what it should be, and what it is OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL!

Name: Stacey Van Veen
Date: May 27, 2026 10:13:44 am

What is this a monument to? I don't want it. If it is built, I will hope that it will be demolished as soon as possible.

Name: Greg Friedmann
Date: May 27, 2026 10:13:51 am

We deeply oppose this arch, as it would destroy the open and symbolic vista between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House, once the home of Robert E Lee. It would be an ugly intrusion into the DC landscape.

Greg and Beth Friedmann
Ashburn VA

Name: Theresa Talbott
Date: May 27, 2026 10:15:02 am

I am writing to express strong opposition to the proposed "Trump Arch" project. At a time when the nation faces significant unmet needs in core public services, it is neither fiscally responsible nor ethically sound to allocate resources to a monumental tribute of this nature. Public funds — whether federal, state, or local — should be directed toward programs that strengthen communities, not toward symbolic structures that offer little practical benefit.

Many Americans are struggling to afford basic necessities. Programs such as healthcare subsidies, SNAP benefits, and housing assistance remain underfunded, leaving vulnerable

families without the support they need. Investing in a large commemorative arch while essential safety-net programs face cuts or shortfalls sends the wrong message about our national priorities. It suggests that political symbolism is being elevated above the well-being of the people government is meant to serve.

I am also deeply concerned about the proposed location near Arlington National Cemetery. Arlington is a solemn, sacred space dedicated to honoring those who served and sacrificed for the nation. Introducing a large, politically charged monument risks disrupting the historic landscape, overshadowing existing memorials, and altering the contemplative character of the grounds. Any addition to this area should reflect broad national consensus and serve a unifying purpose — this proposal does neither.

I urge you to reject the project and instead focus on investments that directly improve the lives of Americans and preserve the integrity of our most hallowed national sites.

Name: Elizabeth Boswell
Date: May 27, 2026 10:16:20 am

Please stop that ridiculous arch. It is obscene.

I saw General Lee right before he came down in Richmond. That is what Americans do to unwanted monuments.

Name: Kristina Peters
Date: May 27, 2026 10:17:38 am

“Asking for forgiveness rather than permission” is not an appropriate way to construct an overly large and intrusive arch or any other offensive edifice. There is a proper way to add a monument to the landscape of Washington DC and this procedure seems to have been ignored. What I have read about the arch indicates that it will dwarf the Lincoln Memorial and relegate the sacred ground of Arlington Cemetery to an obscured view. I am against the building of an unnecessary memorial that serves no purpose and is unwanted. Please do not approve this travesty.

Thank you.

Name: Marla Taylor
Date: May 27, 2026 10:18:20 am

I would like to be on record as being against the construction of the arch. It is an unnecessary addition at taxpayer’s expense, and it will obscure the view of other memorials.

Name: K Thomas
Date: May 27, 2026 10:19:43 am

Washington DC is a sacred place. Any monument should be approved by the people and voted on, not simply erected without collaboration and consensus. As a US citizen whose ancestors date back to the 1600s, I do not approve of this project.

Name: Norene Stephens
Date: May 27, 2026 10:19:52 am

I have several concerns:

1. It will change a very lovely scene as well as being much too large and high
2. We are not Paris we do not need an arch
3. It doesn’t celebrate 250 years of our country.
4. Safety concerns as it is too high for approaching planes at the airport

Please stop the waste of money that could be used to help those who are suffering to provide for their families with the high cost of living.

Name: Theresa Reichley
Date: May 27, 2026 10:20:14 am

I do not want to see an arch disrupting the view of our National treasure Arlington National Cemetery. I do not approve of a sitting president erecting anything to honor themselves. No exceptions.

Name: Lynne Presley
Date: May 27, 2026 10:21:42 am

How ridiculous. Haven't we allowed this person to destroy enough of our history? Where is the money coming from? Why deface the entrance to Arlington. We have money for an arch but not enough to feed our children, or seniors or other less fortunate people. We don't need an arch. This is not Russia, Nazi Germany, or North Korea. This is the United States of America. No arch.

Name: Jeanette Wenzel
Date: May 27, 2026 10:21:44 am

Totally unnecessary. This president has done nothing for this country and/or the citizens of the United States to deserve a monument in his name. He has only divided us.

Name: Pamela Abbott
Date: May 27, 2026 10:22:26 am

It is unacceptable to me that we create the proposed Monumental Arch. When gas and food prices are up, and families are having a hard time making ends meet, why would we think this is the time for another monument. I hope the committee will vote no to any arch, ballroom, etc. at this time. Trump said private funds would be used and that's shown to be another lie from this administration.

Name: Eleanor Barker
Date: May 27, 2026 10:23:01 am

This proposed Arch will interrupt the vista that unfolds from the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. I'm concerned that the proposed Monumental Arch, whose scale, location, and design will disrupt this important visual and symbolic vista, 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. My husband's grandfather is just one of the many revered service members interred at Arlington, and this site should remain as intended: an enduring monument to their sacrifice. Not an enduring monument to one President whose impact on the history and trajectory of this nation is still very much in question. Furthermore, the Eternal Flame has been a constant and permanent feature of the Washington-to-Arlington landscape for the past 63 years. It seems that the arch project is being pushed forward with no substantive analysis of how its negative affects on that specific memorial and the sacred space that Arlington National Cemetery embodies will be mitigated. I submit that the project before the National Capital Planning Commission is deficient and that it cannot approve this project in its current form.

Name: Sara Scholtens
Date: May 27, 2026 10:24:19 am

Dear Commission Members,

I am writing to encourage you not to approve the proposed monumental arch in Washington D.C. This particular arch is inappropriate and would be a garish addition to our nation's capital. Indeed, it is being foisted upon the American people with our own hard earned tax dollars. The arch is in actuality a monument to a self-aggrandizing charlatan, not a monument for anything else. Please do not be fooled into thinking this is anything else.

I also encourage you to sideline this arch so tax dollars, paid by the public, can used for the public's benefit. There are many truly needy citizens in American who would benefit from the funds that would be wasted on this arch.

Thank you for reading my comments.

Sincerely,
Sara Scholtens

Name: Kimberly Stone
Date: May 27, 2026 10:24:33 am

To Whom it May Concern,
Please do NOT approve the monumental arch. I object to:
- its disruption of the current intentional relational design between the national cemetery at Arlington and the Lincoln Memorial
- the process employed
- the use of taxpayer dollars for this project regardless of any new proposed location

Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Susan Nodine
Date: May 27, 2026 10:24:51 am

I strongly oppose the proposed memorial arch. It will obscure the view of the Lincoln Memorial while highlighting the home of Robert E Lee. This is nothing but another vanity project for the president. Arlington National Cemetery is sacred ground. Please do not allow this monstrosity to be built.

Name: Edith Gibbens
Date: May 27, 2026 10:24:57 am

To block the entry to Arlington National Cemetery is an act of disrespect. It is totally unacceptable. Please do not approve this or any other change in the future

Name: Barbara Hall
Date: May 27, 2026 10:24:59 am

I have visited Washington DC and been very proud of the Capital area and how favorably it compares with Paris, London, Rome, and other capital cities, in my experience. A huge arch, dwarfing the Lincoln Monument and destroying the views between the Capital and Arlington Cemetery, not to mention the needless expense to taxpayers, is a horrible idea. Given how this administration has proceeded with other abominable projects without approval from anyone other than handpicked cronies, I doubt that public opinion will make a difference, but here's my attempt. Thank you for making an effort to include we, the people.

Name: Monica Warner
Date: May 27, 2026 10:25:39 am

In addition to the demerits that this project carries in terms of placement and design, this project is too expensive for the nation's budget. Taxpayers are already struggling for basic necessities like groceries and fuel. We do not need another monument or project to stroke a sitting President's ego. Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Anita Schlaht
Date: May 27, 2026 10:25:55 am

I am not in favor of this addition to Washington D. C. I have visited D.C. several times in my 73 years. And additions like the statue of MLK and monuments to wars we continue to fight honoring those who have died are appropriate. A president building a monument to himself does not add to the landscape. It detracts and cheapens our capitol. What has he accomplished that is worthy of a permanent commemoration? Let history decide in the future if he deserves this honor.

Name: Connie Hale
Date: May 27, 2026 10:26:26 am

I am against building the Monumental Arch. The arch doesn't suit the area and the construction cost would be better spent elsewhere.

Name: Barbara McKinney
Date: May 27, 2026 10:26:44 am

This arch should not be allowed. It would take away the solemn ambiance of a sacred place devoted to those who gave their lives for this country.

Name: Fran Landess
Date: May 27, 2026 10:28:21 am

I would like to register my opposition to the proposed Monumental Arch. First, I am concerned about the siting on the Arch which would interrupt the sight lines between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery. Second, the height of the monument is completely out of scale with our other important memorials. Third, the plans for the monument have not been reviewed by the National Park Service and the National Historic Preservation Act. Finally, it feels completely inappropriate to build a huge monument to a living President and falsely projects his place in history. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Name: Karen Strong
Date: May 27, 2026 10:30:59 am

Regarding the proposed Arch at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery: I oppose this proposal for four reasons. First, it would overshadow the entry to Arlington National Cemetery, a hallowed ground that makes its own historical and personal statement which should not be overwhelmed by a triumphal Arch. Second, The Memorial Bridge that connects the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington National Cemetery (and former Lee Mansion) is an intentional and powerful symbolic statement about the Civil War, its cost to the nation, and the restoration of the United States following that war. The proposed Arch would interrupt this meaningful visual connection without any compelling rationale for doing so. Third, the proposed size of the Arch is disproportional to the historic monuments along the Mall in DC. This says more about the ego of the person trying to force the building of the Arch than it does the greatness of our country. The current president claims (and accepts others' claims) to be the greatest American president of all time. The size of the proposed Arch is a symbolic statement that he is more significant than Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and FDR. It is really a Trump monument, which is entirely inappropriate during the president's term or, indeed, during his lifetime. And fourth (but not least), the idea of a triumphal Arch is inconsistent with the character of America. We do not have a history of monarchy or royalty or empire. We are a country of the people, by the people, and for the people. That's why the White House is not an imperial palace. That's why the Capitol Building is the centerpiece of the capital city. A grand and huge triumphal Arch is a monument to empire. It does not represent the greatness of America.

In summary, I deeply oppose the proposed Arch and request that you deny permission for it to be built. Thank you.

Name: Deborah Armstrong
Date: May 27, 2026 10:31:38 am

The country doesn't need a monumental arch. We have much more important infrastructure needs - repairs to our roads and bridges. The arch is inappropriate and a waste of resources.

Name: Barbara Knuckles
Date: May 27, 2026 10:32:16 am

The proposed arch does not fit with the spirit of the rest of the monuments. It is oversize, unnecessary and disruptive. I strongly oppose it.

Name: Susan Bennett
Date: May 27, 2026 10:32:24 am

I don't think this arch should be built. It will destroy the view of the approach to Arlington National Cemetery which should remain as it is to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice. It's just another vanity project for Trump and he even has said as much. PLEASE do not allow this travesty to continue.

Name: Charles Vavra
Date: May 27, 2026 10:32:44 am

I am STRONGLY opposed to the proposed "Monumental Arch". Its proposed location will be a desecration to Arlington National Cemetery, one of the most hallowed places in America. It will be an insult to all those who gave their lives for American and their ancestors. In addition, at a time when the national debt is skyrocketing and people are struggling to pay for gasoline and groceries, it is a waste of money. I urge you to vote AGAINST the construction of this monstrous vanity project

Thank you
Dr Charles Vavra

Name: Amy Corr
Date: May 27, 2026 10:33:38 am

There are far more humane priorities for such amounts of money, and current aesthetics are respectfully balanced. Divert these funds to sustain disadvantaged US citizens, or preserve our parks.

Name: Melissa Visek
Date: May 27, 2026 10:33:45 am

The proposed arch is a vanity project for Trump and should not be built. It is huge, ugly, and unnecessary. When asked who it was for, Trumped replied “me”. Some may say he was joking, but he was not. While Americans are finding it difficult to survive paycheck to paycheck, spending American tax dollars on this monstrosity is not good stewardship of our tax dollars.

In addition, the location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House.

One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.

It is because this view 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 views, 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.

This arch should NOT be built, not only for the reasons stated above but also because of the chaos of construction at such a busy trafficked area. How will traffic be rerouted during construction? You can’t build something of this monstrous size over a heavily traveled area without seriously interfering with traffic.

Name: Melissa Morgenson
Date: May 27, 2026 10:34:13 am

Please do not approve the plans to build a monument arch in Washington, DC. The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. The plans for the arch are positively hideous and will detract negatively from all other monumental structures.

As one of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the original vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. It is because this views carries so much meaning that the National Trust has valid concerns about the proposed Monumental Arch whose scale, location, and design will ruin this important visual and symbolic view.

In addition, the Arch will dwarf the Lincoln Memorial and disrupt the long, open, and uninterrupted views, 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. This cannot possibly be built given the horrific plans. Please do not approve it.

Name: Stacia Ehlen
Date: May 27, 2026 10:34:39 am

Please do not allow any additional monuments to be built. The new arch would disrupt the sanctity of the area.

Name: Sue Kayton
Date: May 27, 2026 10:34:55 am

We already have enough public monuments in Washington DC and do not need another one. Please do not spend taxpayer money on this wasteful, ugly project. Thank you.

Name: N. Kathleen Wenzel
Date: May 27, 2026 10:35:40 am

As a taxpayer, I object to this consideration of building this monstrosity in the proposed location. It appears to be nothing short of a vanity project for this president proposed without thought to the impact it will have on the current views and highlights of that corridor. It is oversized, grandiose, ugly as designed and serves no commemorative purpose. It has not undergone the requisite historical or preservationist vetting or contract bidding as required by law and custom.

This president does not own the federal land and is not authorized to create all these projects without the valid review, consent, and assessment of the various commissions in charge of approving these projects and appropriate Congressional allocation and acceptance of bid contracts.

This “project” has not been undertaken in the appropriate and proper stewardship of public land and taxpayer dollars as required.

Please do NOT go forward with any approval or permit any building or clearing of federal land for this “project”.

Name: Cynthia Greenleaf
Date: May 27, 2026 10:36:39 am

As a citizen who brought my aging father to Washington DC for the first time in his life, I can attest to the impact the open vistas and dignified national monuments have on a new and patriotic visitor. My father took off his hat at the Lincoln Memorial, stood speechless and moved at Arlington, and quietly read the inscriptions at the Jefferson. He had traveled all over the world, but said nothing - not the pyramids of Egypt, not the great churches of Europe - was a more spectacular sight than his own national capitol.

I am therefore disheartened and horrified by the prospect of a garish, oversized arch designed to dwarf the exiting sobering monuments. In fact, I would consider it an arch to nowhere. There is no particular triumph to point to, no understandable content to justify this proposed, massive monstrosity. I agree wholeheartedly with The National Trust for Historic Preservation in the United States and ask that this monument to arrogance and hubris not be allowed to tarnish our beautiful national capitol.

Name: Jo Levy
Date: May 27, 2026 10:37:09 am

As a former resident of Alexandria, I remember with pleasure the feeling of tradition and humility that is stimulated by the monuments in Washington and Virginia. A "triumphal arch" has no place in the same category as the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam wall, or the Washington Monument.

In addition, my in-laws are buried in Arlington cemetery. My father-in-law served with pride during World War II and the Korean War. He saw and suffered from the damage done by

war, and he would be horrified to have the horrors of warfare and the memory of those who endured them associated with a monument to pride.

Please do not build this arch.

Thank you for listening.

Name: Janet Gollofon
Date: May 27, 2026 10:37:25 am

Dear NCPC,
I write in opposition to the building of a Triumphal Arch in our nation's capital. This project would greatly harm the historical design of the view/vista from the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington National Cemetery. It is an ill-conceived vanity project by one man. A huge waste of money, money that could be spent in so many other useful ways. At a time when our country is facing so many challenges, a project such as this seems absolutely ridiculous. I urge you to reject and oppose its construction immediately. Thank you.

Name: Michelle Lalor
Date: May 27, 2026 10:38:06 am

An arch this large, at this location, will pull focus from the hallowed ground of American service members. This is not a place for sightseeing and posing for photographs. People, FAMILIES, come here to grieve. What a horrible idea, please do not agree to this.

Name: Julia Lawrence
Date: May 27, 2026 10:38:11 am

Do not build this arch. It is not needed nor wanted by the majority of US Citizens. Our tax dollars are better spend trying to make our lives better than to build an arch. It looks terrible. It will be an eyesore.

Name: Pam Foy
Date: May 27, 2026 10:38:46 am

I'm absolutely opposed to the Arch being built. It is a waste of taxpayer money and a slap in the face to our nation's veterans. Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Janis Artz
Date: May 27, 2026 10:39:56 am

We do not need or want this monstrosity. It will ruin the dignity of the area. Please do not allow. Thank you

Name: Nicolas Sansone
Date: May 27, 2026 10:40:10 am

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Name: Tanya Pead
Date: May 27, 2026 10:40:17 am

National Capital Planning Commission
I am writing to urge you to deny the building of the proposed Monumental Arch. The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. This area is one of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., a vista that was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.

It is because this landscape carries so much meaning to the country that I am deeply concerned 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 views, 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.

Above all, this arch is political propaganda. When asked what the Monument Arch was for, Donald Trump has directly pointed to himself. The use of this type of monument is to assert a show of power regardless of public consensus. Please deny the approval for building this Arch. Thank you

Name: Leslie Weissbuch-Rosczyk
Date: May 27, 2026 10:41:29 am

The VANITY project for this unhinged president is not an appropriate way to use our tax dollars!!!!!! Even if he gets his cronies to pay for it, it will forever change the landscape of Washington DC. It is unnecessary and ugly! We DO NOT need to memorialize this man's ego!

Name: Katherine Horn
Date: May 27, 2026 10:41:31 am

I am very much against the proposed design and placement of the proposed monumental arch. The scale of the arch will disrupt and detract from every other monument in Washington, D.C. From what I have read, its placement will also overwhelm the entry to Arlington National Cemetery; this is also unacceptable. (Let's not even discuss the cost of the proposed arch, especially when the deficit is climbing rapidly and so many Americans are struggling financially.)

Should the Commission determine that development and erection of a monumental arch is appropriate, I strongly encourage you to look at bringing the scale in line with all other area monuments AND finding a more appropriate place for it to be placed.

Thank you.

Name: Catherine Hammersley
Date: May 27, 2026 10:41:37 am

I oppose the building of the "Monumental Arch" both in design and location. Considering it would dwarf and interrupt the line of sight to the Lincoln Memorial is unacceptable. MORE SO, to impede/interrupt entry to and visual solemnity of Arlington National Cemetery is disrespectful beyond compare.

Name: Julie Strange
Date: May 27, 2026 10:42:06 am

I am writing in opposition to the proposed Triumphal Arch. The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. 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 cemetery is 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. It is important to keep this view uninterrupted.

And while the Commemorative Works Act, codified mainly at 40 U.S.C. §§ 8901–8909. Under 40 U.S.C. § 8903(c): "A commemorative work commemorating ... an individual ... may not be authorized until after ... death of the individual ..." may not apply to this particular location proposed for the arch, the intent of the law is to ensure that the Nation's most significant commemorative landscapes are not used to elevate contemporary political figures or movements before history has had the opportunity to judge their lasting significance and legacy. The proposed Triumphal Arch is inconsistent with both the spirit of the Commemorative Works Act and the longstanding bipartisan tradition of preserving the monumental core of Washington, D.C., as a place of national unity, reflection, and historical continuity rather than political spectacle or personal glorification.

Name: Irene Lafortune
Date: May 27, 2026 10:42:12 am

This is a colossal waste of taxpayer money, all for the vanity of one man! Where is the public demand?? There is NONE! this would be a disgraceful display , a monument to authoritarianism , and has NO place in the Capitol of our country!!!

Name: Kathy Bulmer
Date: May 27, 2026 10:42:48 am

Distracting, dangerous for air travel and disrespectful of Arlington Cemetery. Drawings show a gigantic white thing with gold which is not at all consistent with the DC architecture and style. Please no.

Name: Rose OMahony
Date: May 27, 2026 10:42:56 am

I do not support the construction of the proposed arch. As proposed this arch serves no purpose, and disrupts the visual relationship between Arlington cemetery and existing, meaningful monuments.

Name: Nancy Coughlin
Date: May 27, 2026 10:43:21 am

A small, tasteful arch build someplace else in the district would be acceptable. This thing he wants built will be a hideous monstrosity. He's building it for himself not for the people he's supposed to be serving. STOP it.

Name: Debra Michelson
Date: May 27, 2026 10:43:51 am

There are enough monuments in Washington, DC with regards to our History. Blocking what can already be seen when standing downtown is minimizing our history. There are better things to spend money on than vain, "Napoleonic" men!

Name: Amy Ballard
Date: May 27, 2026 10:44:54 am

The public's opposition to the construction of the arch is increasing. Moreover, just because something is approved, doesn't mean it must be built. I might say the same for the columns that were proposed, approved and never built. There is a difference between columns and an arch. Common sense prevailed not to build the columns - most importantly because of the Great Depression One can only hope that perspicacity will prevent the construction of the arch. And, new details include an internal gallery floor with three event spaces, four elevators inside the vertical supports of the arch and a fifth elevator between the gallery floor and the observation deck, four spiral staircases, and a ground-floor ticketing area. The cost of the project is estimated to be at least \$100 million.

Arlington Cemetery is not an amusement park. A ticketing area for what? This cemetery has a visitors area where one can look up a grave, and ask for information. The cemetery is free. And what are the event spaces? This entire project is an absolute disgrace to the cemetery.

Name: Nancy DeDona
Date: May 27, 2026 10:46:24 am

We are a democratic nation and as such do not need grandiose monuments to celebrate our country's supposed greatness. We need to spend the money on people in our country that need assistance! Let's provide more healthcare coverage, more childcare, more housing and food! We didn't need an expensive new East Wing and we certainly don't need this arch!

Thank you for listening.

Name: Samantha nash
Date: May 27, 2026 10:47:34 am

This is a disgrace to America's history. Building an arch to celebrate a man who does not hold any of America's values will leave a dark stain on history.

Name: Elizabeth Westlake
Date: May 27, 2026 10:47:35 am

I am opposed to this project. It will detract from the surrounding area especially the entrance to Arlington from National Cemetery; a sacred space for our military heroes. The cost of this project is outrageous to boot. Please do not let this project move forward.

Name: Randall Lawrence
Date: May 27, 2026 10:47:43 am

No arch. It's terrible. Why are we even trying to do this in the middle of a war?

Name: Tena Cassity
Date: May 27, 2026 10:48:48 am

This project needs further study. It will impact important transportation routes. The design does not reflect American sensibilities and history. Please do not rush into this. It is very expensive and needs further, careful study and consideration.

Name: Linda Artac
Date: May 27, 2026 10:49:01 am

Personally opposed to this arch being built. Mr Trump has no business changing our nations capital with gaudy structures that only cost tax payers money and are not meaningful in any way.

Name: Stephanie Pollard
Date: May 27, 2026 10:49:07 am

Please, do not allow this arch to be built. It would ruin the current landscape and be an eyesore. Its disproportionate size would be disrespectful of Lincoln, Washington, and all the veterans in Arlington cemetery. Additionally, allowing the current administration to continue to build lawlessly, selfishly, and haphazardly is against our democratic principles and what the vast majority of Americans want. Stop this project!

Name: Alice Bolin
Date: May 27, 2026 10:49:19 am

I am against this project. The arch is unnecessary and will obscure the views of existing patriotic monuments. It is a waste of taxpayer dollars and is a Trump project that no one else wants despite what he says.

Name: Brenda Casey
Date: May 27, 2026 10:49:23 am

Unnecessary, expensive and egomaniacal project by a corrupt and evil administration!

Name: Cindy French
Date: May 27, 2026 10:49:46 am

I vehemently oppose the Monumental Arch. It obstructs the beautiful views around our National's Capitol. Furthermore. We should use our tax payer dollars for conservation of our national parks for our citizen's enjoyment. This project is a big waste of money!

Name: Laurene Kee
Date: May 27, 2026 10:50:12 am

Hello all,

I'm writing to ask you to please stop this arch being built in Washington D.C. Our Veterans have given their lives in service to our country. This arch will block, and take away from the true peace and honor for these veterans. What is appalling is that is seemingly going forward without all the proper approval. The Memorials in this area are all beautiful and respectful of the soldiers that have given service and sacrifice.

Please, Please stop this arch. No, on this arch.

Thank you,

Laurene Kee
California

Name: Diane Willard
Date: May 27, 2026 10:51:05 am

There are so many things wrong with this project. First it blocks the view from the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington Cemetary, something that has actual meaning. Secondly, it is far too large and will overshadow most everything in DC. Third it is a vanity project for a man who has done nothing good for our country. Monuments to people should not be built while the person is still living. Lastly, but perhaps most importantly, our government claims we don't have money for healthcare, food, maternity leave, schools, etc, but somehow we can find money for a project that does nothing to help anyone. NO, just no. Please do the right thing and do not allow this vanity project. Thank you.

Name: Lynn Keller
Date: May 27, 2026 10:52:04 am

Please stop this project! This will ruin the current sightlines of existing monuments. It is also a gaudy, tasteless design that is too reminiscent of many dictatorships. Our taxpayer funds should not be wasted in this way. The reflecting pool is a disaster now and this will be too.
Thank you,
Lynn

Name: Robert GOLDSTEIN
Date: May 27, 2026 10:52:11 am

The arch will be an eyesore. There is no justification in placing this tribute among those honoring great Americans. The National Debt is too high and private donors trading contributions for favor is bribery. This man has done enough to ruin America. This is just a vanity project with no merit.

Name: Deborah Squibb
Date: May 27, 2026 10:52:57 am

Please, I beg you, do not let this offensive structure to be built. Stand up for discretion, good judgement and good taste.
Deborah Squibb

Name: Theresa Reagan
Date: May 27, 2026 10:53:04 am

There should be no monument that breaks up the view of the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. The planned monument dwarfs the Lincoln Memorial and faces Lee's house instead of the cemetery. This is a vanity project for the current president and goes against the meaning of the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery which was uniting our country after the Civil War. This planned Arch disrespects that idea. It should not be built unless the entire country is in favor of it. I for one, am not and will never be for such an insult.

Name: Susan Smith
Date: May 27, 2026 10:53:14 am

This proposed arch is entirely too big and ugly. It's way out of proportion for the site. It also disrupts the serene views between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. It's wasteful spending for no purpose. I encourage everyone oppose this monstrosity.

Name: Stacey Rebbert
Date: May 27, 2026 10:53:17 am

Commissioners--

This is an unnecessary and untimely addition to the DC landscape and skyline. American citizens are hurting financially and are not unified right now and this a tone-deaf project. Monuments should be erected from a groundswell of citizens wishing to honor something meaningful, not at the directive of a sitting president. That's what his presidential library if desired is for.

I strongly recommend this not be allowed to move forward at this time.

Name: Pamela Schiffler
Date: May 27, 2026 10:54:50 am

I strongly oppose the proposed Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle. For anyone who knows this landscape firsthand—whether from the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, Memorial Bridge, or the circle itself—this is one of the worst possible places to insert a massive new structure. This proposal would destroy one of the most beautiful and meaningful viewsheds in the region. This is not an empty traffic island in need of a centerpiece; it is one of the most significant civic and commemorative landscapes in the country.

As the National Trust for Historic Preservation has noted, this site carries extraordinary visual and symbolic meaning. The open vista connecting the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House was intentionally designed to express national unity and post-Civil War reconciliation. Arlington Memorial Bridge was kept low specifically to preserve these relationships and viewsheds. Placing a triumphal arch of this size and scale at Memorial Circle would interrupt that carefully designed composition, dwarf the Lincoln Memorial, and overwhelm the solemn entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. A monument of this scale is simply incompatible with a place defined by openness, restraint, and reverence.

The proposal also fails on basic public use and access grounds. Memorial Circle is already difficult to navigate, and adding a major new destination there would only worsen traffic confusion and create a pedestrian nightmare in a location that is not easy or intuitive for people to reach on foot. If the goal is to create a public monument, it should be placed somewhere people can safely and comfortably experience it—not in a location that degrades a historic landscape while creating new circulation problems. I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to reject this proposal, require full historic and environmental review, and consider alternatives that protect this nationally significant vista rather than permanently damaging it.

Name: Lindsey Van de Kirk
Date: May 27, 2026 10:55:22 am

How is anyone even CONSIDERING this monumental, colossal misuse of funds?? Trump has already enriched himself by BILLIONS of dollars with his corruption and his playing of the system. LET HIM PAY FOR THIS CRAP!

It's time to stand up to this foolish, mentally ill person. Don't waste any more time on his gigantic ego. If you have to consider spending billions of dollars, how about considering feeding people with that money? How about health care for people who will die without it? I could go on and on, but you get the idea. REAL PEOPLE need help to live. This monumental ass-wipe of a person wants money spent on HIM. Absolutely no regard for any other human being. STOP THE MADNESS AND TELL HIM NO!!

Name: Leslie Englehart
Date: May 27, 2026 10:55:35 am

I OPPOSE the plan for the "new monumental arch" ego trip of the orange menace.

The plans for the arch show a hideous and tasteless structure that interferes with existing commemorative works and fails to protect existing public uses and cultural resources. It would dwarf existing monuments such as the Lincoln Memorial, disrespect our fallen buried at Arlington Cemetery where two of my dear friends are buried, and has no purpose whatsoever. Though the GOTUS (Grifter of the United States), claims it won't cost taxpayers, we all know how that has gone with all his no-cost-to-the-taxpayers projects. And, in addition to that, we will have to pay to tear it down once this fascist regime has ended.

Name: Angela Marini
Date: May 27, 2026 10:58:01 am

I'm writing as a concerned citizen to oppose the proposed Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle. This project would disrupt one of the most meaningful and historic views in Washington, the visual connection between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery which was intentionally designed to symbolize national unity. The size and height of the arch also feel out of scale with its surroundings and would overshadow nearby landmarks, taking away from the dignity and prominence of the Lincoln Memorial. I'm also concerned about moving forward with a project like this using taxpayer funds without clear Congressional approval. I urge the Commission to reconsider this proposal and protect this important historic setting.
Thank you,
Angela Marini
Frederick, MD

Name: Tom Ehlinger
Date: May 27, 2026 10:58:01 am

Please do not create the "Monumental" Arch. There are many reasons to not do it and no legitimate reasons to do it. If there must be an arch do it somewhere else where it won't mar exiting monuments and symbols of immense significance to the people of the US. My children and I have visited DC and witnessing in person the open free and majestic power of the current structures was deeply meaningful.

Don't approve the arch. To do so would be like someone drawing a mustache on the Mona Lisa -- or building a cell phone tower in front of Trump Tower.

Name: Ann Brentano
Date: May 27, 2026 10:58:27 am

Do not deface our public space with the disgusting monument to a 34 count felon/pedophile president who should be in prison. No one but this horrible man who is destroying our country and dismantling our democracy wants this. No monument!!! And force fun to rebuild the east wing of the White House and do not allow a ballroom, and charge the current president for all work to return the White House to the condition it was in when he entered.

Name: Alta Walters
Date: May 27, 2026 10:58:33 am

The proposed arch is upointless and disruptive. It interferes with the historical relationship of the other elements of this historic site--the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery. The arch will, instead, focus attention on Arlington House--the former home of Confederate General Lee. Certainly, the objective and relationship of the other monuments was to focus on the historic reconciliation between North and South, not to aggrandize the importance of one Confederate General.

Any time a new monument is proposed, it must be considered, and weighed, in the context and the meaning of our existing Park edifices. This massive arch fails the conext test. It undermines and literally overshadows the significance of the existing relationships designed to highlight the healing of the North/South divide following the Civil War. It is literally a vanity project, launched before history has the opportunity to weigh in.

And, its expense is unjustified during a time where the populace as a whole is struggling and the country is burdened with the cost of multiple conflicts. Let some time pass--let history be the judge. We have no pressing need for an arch, especially one that interferes with our existing message.

Name: Shannon Daves
Date: May 27, 2026 10:59:01 am

Re: Memorial Arch at Monumental Circle

I believe this arch is ill planned, ill timed, and ill placed. It does not represent our nation or its citizens in any way. It would not improve the visual landscape that is our nation's capital and, in fact, would greatly detract from the well thought out design currently in place.

Also, for the love of God, please rebuild the East Wing to its former elevation.

Name: Elizabeth Daly
Date: May 27, 2026 10:59:57 am

I strongly oppose construction of the “Monumental Arch.”

First, it is an unnecessary vanity project for our narcissistic president, conceived and developed with no supervision, approval or input from agencies that monitor construction projects on federal land, the Congress, nor DC area citizens. I believe it to be an illegal undertaking.

Second, the arch’s proposed location is completely unacceptable as it disrupts the sacred connection between Arlington Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial. As a military spouse, this feels like one more insult to all who have served, or are currently serving, in the US Armed Forces. The size of the proposed arch will dwarf most of the beautiful buildings and monuments in DC, and its height may interfere with air traffic to/from Reagan National Airport. Not to mention the disruption construction will cause at this very busy traffic circle.

Third, has the cost of this monstrosity been calculated? And who’s paying? Probably taxpayers. The Trump administration cannot be allowed to get away with another “build-first, ask permission later” project. Oversight is essential, and it has been neglected or literally bulldozed in the demolition of the East Wing of the People’s House, and the cost-overrun painting of the reflecting pool (without undergoing the normal bidding process for the builder.)

Let’s nip this one in the bud before he moves on to the “statue park” in the public West Potomac Park, and the privatization of the public golf course at Haines Point, already sullied by the toxic East Wing rubble that was dumped there.

Trump is not a king, and he does not “own” the White House or the city of Washington, DC. He should not be allowed to make permanent changes (like painting the Executive Office Building!!), and certainly not make them without oversight. It’s ironic to raise a monumental arch, ostensibly to celebrate our 250th anniversary (so he says) when it seems our republic is in decline. Deny him this vanity arch!

If it should be approved, however, I will lobby the next administration to tear it all down.

Respectfully,
Elizabeth Daly

Name: Patricia Ritz

Date: May 27, 2026 11:00:43 am

DO NOT BUILD AN ARCH!!!!!!!! TOTAL WASTE OF FUNDS, TIME ON SACRED LAND!!!! We The People are tired of paying our taxes for DT extravagant lifestyle as if everything belongs to him personally instead of the USA citizens who need bare necessities of life that we can no longer afford because of his wasteful projects. He is stealing all the taxpayer funds for his own ego projects and in a round-about way of lining his pockets by trashing the Constitution of the United States. The Arch is just one of the ways he is trashing the beauty and honor of what we as citizens hold sacred. NO ARCH SHOULD DESECRATE THIS LAND!!!!

Name: Steve Coleman

Date: May 27, 2026 11:01:11 am

I DO NOT want to have any of my tax dollars used to build an arch for Trump. In fact, I DO NOT want to see an arch in D.C. no matter how it is funded. Nor do I want to see his face on currency or on Mt. Rushmore. Any monument to him is an insult to the American people and the constitutional principles this country is founded upon.

Name: Amy Conley

Date: May 27, 2026 11:01:28 am

I oppose the construction of a monumental arch at Memorial Circle. We must treat the landscape in DC with the utmost care and respect. The proposed location of the arch will ruin the relationship between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. Further the size of the arch is much, much too big and not in keeping with the existing monuments and structures there. Finally, cost should certainly be a consideration. I can think of many far more worthy projects funds could be applied to.

Name: Linda Starr

Date: May 27, 2026 11:01:36 am

Please do not allow this project. I find it in poor taste, ugly, and not in keeping with the actual monuments. It has no meaning at all.

Name: Bonnie Walters

Date: May 27, 2026 11:01:37 am

This is obscene and disgusting. It will block the view from the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington National Cemetery. This is a blatant attempt by an egotistical, narcissist, five time draft dodger to create a monument to himself. It is an insult to the families of the men and women who died in service to this nation. Don’t let this happen.

Name: Carol Huddleston

Date: May 27, 2026 11:02:05 am

I lived in DC for ten years and in the DC Metro area for 42 years. The proposed gold memorial arch is just what DC does not need. The proposed arch will tower over existing monuments (including the embellishments on the Memorial bridge itself which when built had to be lowered due to nearby aircraft flight paths), and are not in keeping with memorials that have been in place for decades and make DC the beautiful city that it is today. Furthermore. the proposed arch will block the serene view as one travels from the District across Memorial Bridge and enters the grounds of Arlington National Cemetery (and visa versa). Please keep this monstrosity from being built and destroying the overall plan for DC, Arlington and existing monuments.

Name: Patsy Hirst

Date: May 27, 2026 11:03:02 am

Good Day,

Where does it stop? Destroyed rose garden, demolished East Wing, dome for fights - on the White House Lawn! Now an obnoxious, obtrusive ego-arch totally out of place in our beautiful DC area.

It's too late to block this president's illegal and irresponsible acts of war, harassing other countries, refusing aid where needed.....but surely we can protect our own back yard.

Please vote to stop this project!

Thank you,
Patsy Hirst
Arlington resident

Name: Laura Shaw
Date: May 27, 2026 11:03:26 am

This arch is a waste of tax payers money. It will over shadow the Arlington memorial and is just a vanity project for the current president.

Name: Kathy Perkins
Date: May 27, 2026 11:04:12 am

I would like to submit my objection to the Arch project. There are many reasons for this objection. There is no need for an arch and the symbolism that it stands for. The site of the arch will block view of other U.S. memorials and symbols. Its placement will interfere with transportation. There is no money for this project. I feel it will become and eye sore and a joke, instead of a site of reflection and respect.

Name: Fawn Hatch
Date: May 27, 2026 11:05:43 am

There are so many reasons NOT to build this arch, and I am sure this Committee is aware of them all. The only reason to allow it would be to satisfy a current presidents need for vanity. Please do the right thing. Do not allow this monumental waste of money. Do not allow this disruption to the historic and meaningful sight lines. Do not allow!!!

Name: Helen Mezzomo
Date: May 27, 2026 11:06:53 am

This vanity project will disrupt the sight line between Arlington National Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial. No funding has been approved; any funding would likely be in the form of "pay for play" or a diversion of funds for projects that would actually benefit the American people, such as improved infrastructure, national health care, supporting education, etc.

This is a gross misuse of resources to "honor" a convicted sex offender and is a slap in the face to every victim and survivor of sexual abuse

Name: Vanessa Nielsen
Date: May 27, 2026 11:07:20 am

This absurd monument to Trumps ego should not be approved.

Name: Cindy Ciaccio
Date: May 27, 2026 11:07:43 am

With the current state of our federal government's fiscal irresponsibility, I don't believe money should be wasted at this time on a tribute to a wannabe King. There's definitely better places our money could be spent, such as at the national parks, preserving our national forests and helping the people of this country who can't afford medical care and food

Name: Debra Skinner
Date: May 27, 2026 11:08:59 am

I very much disagree with building such a monumental arch, something that does not integrate with existing monuments, other architecture, and landscaping in such an historic location. The majority of monuments, memorials, and statues in our nation's capital exist to honor leadership, sacrifice, and history. This proposal does none of that.

Further, as with so many projects initiated recently, this project does not seem to follow established procedures. At the very least, that should be corrected.

Architects and historians can and have given much better informed commentary than mine; I hope you will listen to them.

Thank you for at least delaying approval until the process is followed or, hopefully, denying this project.

Name: Catherine H.
Date: May 27, 2026 11:09:36 am

Please do not go forward with the plans for a colossal Monumental Arch. Any 250th marker should be tasteful and not overshadow, dwarf, or block any view, Arlington National Cemetery, existing sculptures and memorials, etc.

Name: Terri Petersen
Date: May 27, 2026 11:10:12 am

Please do everything you can to preserve the public spaces of our nation's capital. These spaces and views are sacred to the American people as they are. The destruction of the East Wing of the White House, the paving of the Rose Garden, the colorization of the Reflecting Pool are enough desecrations. Please stop the arch. Thank you!

Name: Maida Loescher
Date: May 27, 2026 11:10:20 am

I'm horrified by this proposal. The view from Arlington Cemetery is one of the most beautiful and inspiring in the city. The arch will detract enormously from that view. It will also detract from the approach to the cemetery by those crossing Memorial Bridge. The bridge itself is a fitting memorial and grand entrance to the cemetery. Simplicity speaks volumes; don't destroy the effect.

Name: Karen Schimpf
Date: May 27, 2026 11:10:37 am

No one should be able to decide to build anything like this without the consent of the people. It will destroy the solemnity of what already exists from Arlington to the Lincoln Memorial. This arch has nothing to do with remembering how our people have served over many years.

Name: Cassie Mann
Date: May 27, 2026 11:10:37 am

NO Arch!
Thank you,
Cassie Mann
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Name: Bonny Duncan
Date: May 27, 2026 11:12:03 am

I am 100% opposed to the project. The location and size are dispecable. It is a vanity project
Our veterans buried at Arlington National Cemetery need to be respected.

Name: Seth Hanlon
Date: May 27, 2026 11:12:14 am

I strongly oppose wasting taxpayer dollars on an oversized monument to the President's ego that would blight the landscape of our nation's capital. It is hideous, and all out of proportion for the location in a way that would overshadow Arlington National Cemetery and the Washington skyline. No one wants it. We should be building affordable housing instead.

Name: Amanda Walden
Date: May 27, 2026 11:12:20 am

Our beautiful Washington DC monuments are in keeping with the restrained architectural tradition of past presidents This Trump arch would interrupt that tradition and the views through out the proposed area not to mention the exorbitant cost for the glory of a sitting president. I am heartily against such a monument.

Name: Lizbeth Ezell
Date: May 27, 2026 11:12:31 am

I an opposed to the construction of the new monumental arch because it obstructs the intended and natural relationship between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington. It is hugely out of scale in relation to it's surroundings. The expense of this project is exorbitant, and should be used to help people who are struggling with the expense of medical costs, housing, food and basic survival. I'm sick and tired of this President promoting expensive projects to feed his vanity. Enough!!

Name: Karen Fullen
Date: May 27, 2026 11:12:59 am

The location of the proposed Monumental Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship and view between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. The view is one of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.

In addition, the proposed Monumental Arch will dwarf the Lincoln Memorial, detract from it's impressiveness, and disrupt the long, open, and uninterrupted viewshed to Arlington National Cemetery. It will overwhelm the entry to Arlington National Cemetery itself —the hallowed resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families and a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice, selfless service, and national unity.

I have had the privilege of visiting the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery on multiple trips to our nation's capital, Washington, D.C. when I was a civil servant. I hope to return with other family members to share the experiences I enjoyed there. Because the viewshed between these sites carries so much meaning to my beloved country and the heroes who have defended her from the Civil War through modern times, I oppose construction of the proposed Monumental Arch. The scale, location, and design of this ill-conceived project will detract from and disrupt this important visual and symbolic vista.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Name: Lynn Lehman
Date: May 27, 2026 11:14:43 am

I object to any tax money being spent on this. It is a foolish and unnecessary expense.

Name: Yolanda J Duenas
Date: May 27, 2026 11:14:48 am

Please do not approve this unnecessary arch. We the people do not approve of this vanity project. We the people do not approve of dishonoring the Arlington Cemetery and all those that gave their lives for our country.

Name: Suzanne Walther
Date: May 27, 2026 11:15:47 am

I grew up going to the DC mall area for events and to go to the museums. I have always loved it. The proposed arch is a an affront and a blight on the history and honor of the city. It's too big too crass and blocks the view of existing monuments. It is a ridiculous waste of money. Do not spend a cent building this embarrassment. I very much oppose this structure.

Name: Rochelle Pearson
Date: May 27, 2026 11:16:48 am

No arch. Enough of this idiot vanity projects.

Name: Lou Lawrence
Date: May 27, 2026 11:18:24 am

I oppose construction of this”monument “
It interrupts the historical view shed to Arlington National Cemetery, dwarfs the Lincoln Memorial and disregards meaningful symbolism’s regarding reconciliation of north and south after civil war.

I’m disheartened that this administration has run roughshod over historic sites fashioning things to suit their narrative of truth. It’s unconscionable!

Louise Lawrence

Name: Tony Bullock
Date: May 27, 2026 11:19:26 am

What a disgusting blemish to the Nation's Capital. This project is an abomination. It destroys the beauty of the original dynamic between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery. It could only be introduced by someone with no sense of history in no sense of style or architectural integrity. The sheer size of this monstrosity is ridiculous. This is an insult to the veterans who are buried Arlington Cemetery and to the history of our country for God's sake stop it. Stop it now!

Name: Nancy Greene
Date: May 27, 2026 11:20:54 am

The proposed new arch would be a blight on the landscape and an insult to the men and women who gave their lives in service of this country. Rather than celebrate the core values of this country, the proposed arch is a vanity project to prop up the ego of one deluded man. A testament to a draft dodger that would block the view of Arlington Cemetery and insult the memory of all those who did their duty.

The size and scope of the proposed arch is out of keeping with the architectural integrity of the solemn dignity and style of the rest of monuments.
Taxpayer money should not be directed to this vanity project. Money that would be far better used reestablishing SNAP and health benefits for our most at-risk citizens.

Name: Patricia Wilson
Date: May 27, 2026 11:21:23 am

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

ARCH COMMENTS

I AM WRITING TODAY TO EXPRESS MY VEHEMENT DISAPPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED MEMORIAL ARCH.

FIRST OF ALL, I HAVE YET TO HEAR OF THE RATIONALE PURPOSE OR MEANING OF SUCH AN ARCH. WHAT MESSAGE WOULD THIS MONSTROSITY BE EXPECTED TO COMMUNICATE ABOUT OUR COUNTRY?

SECONDLY, THE PROPOSED SITE FOR THIS OVERSIZED AND HIDEOUS STRUCTURE IS ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE. THERE IS A DESIGN AND FLOW TO THE CURRENT LANDSCAPE THAT IS EXTREMELY INTENTIONAL, AND THIS WOULD COMPLETELY DESTROY THAT SENSE OF HARMONY.

MY PARENTS ARE LAID TO REST IN ARLINGTON CEMETERY, AND I FREQUENTLY GAZE UPON THAT VIEW WHEN I VISIT THEIR GRAVE. THE THOUGHT THAT I WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT THIS DECADENT ARCH, LITERALLY SICKENS ME.

LASTLY, AT A TIME WHEN AMERICANS ARE STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET, STRUGGLING TO FEED THEIR FAMILIES AND KEEP A ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS. IT WOULD BE AN INSULT TO THEM AND TO ALL OF US TO USE OUR PRECIOUS TAXPAYER DOLLARS ON SOME OVERSIZED ATTEMPT TO SECURE A LEGACY FOR A PRESIDENT WHOSE ONLY LEGACY WILL BE THAT HE DIVIDED US AND WEAKENED OUR COUNTRY IN THE PROCESS.

I HAVE SAID MY PIECE. NOW IT IS UP TO YOU. I PRAY THAT GOOD AND DECENT PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY WILL MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION AND BAN THE BUILDING OF THIS ARCH.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK.
GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Name: Darrell Prather
Date: May 27, 2026 11:22:24 am

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

I was blessed with 2 tours while in the USCG in Washington DC.

The view down the mall with the Lincoln Memorial into Arlington Cemetery with General Lee's house on the hill was awe inspiring and should NOT be modified.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Kimberly Burkard
Date: May 27, 2026 11:23:18 am

I am opposed to the proposed Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway, near Arlington National Cemetery and along the Potomac River. The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. 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: Jim rogers
Date: May 27, 2026 11:23:36 am

This is a horrible and unnecessary project. Please do not proceed. Any future new national monument should be carefully planned with public input

Name: Catherine Nardone
Date: May 27, 2026 11:24:20 am

The proposed 250-foot "Independence Arch" in Washington, D.C. is an egregious misuse of taxpayer funds. This vanity project holds no genuine historical meaning and threatens to permanently desecrate the solemn vistas between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery.

Name: Craig Britten
Date: May 27, 2026 11:25:40 am

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Name: Carroll Walsh
Date: May 27, 2026 11:25:54 am

i am writing to oppose the construction of the proposed Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle. At an estimated \$15 million, this is an irresponsible use of public funds at a time when our deficit is soaring out of control and many Americans struggling to make ends meet.

The proposed location will interrupt the deeply meaningful visual and historic relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House — a corridor that honors those who gave their lives for this country. The arch would stand more than twice the height of the Lincoln Memorial , overwhelming a landscape that belongs to all Americans and to the memory of our fallen.

Washington already has a world-class collection of monuments. This project prioritizes spectacle over substance, and federal dollars should instead go toward the maintenance of existing memorials, veterans’ services, and infrastructure.

I urge the Commission to reject this absurd waste of taxpayer dollars.

Name: APRIL WENNERSTROM
Date: May 27, 2026 11:26:24 am

Dear National Capital Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of a “Trump Memorial Arch.” National protected spaces that preserve natural beauty, shared heritage, and historically significant sites rooted in broad, enduring national consensus. Introducing a monument that commemorates a single, recent, and highly polarizing political figure risks undermining the integrity and nonpartisan spirit that the country demands. Such a project would fundamentally alter the purpose of gateway, shifting them away from reflection and preservation toward contemporary political expression.

We have a responsibility to steward public lands and gateways in a way that is inclusive, educational, and respectful of the diversity of perspectives held by Americans. Memorials within the system have traditionally been reserved for individuals and events whose legacies have been evaluated over time and whose contributions are widely recognized as unifying. Establishing a monument of this nature at this moment not only departs from that precedent but may also set a concerning example for future proposals driven by short-term political agendas rather than enduring historical significance.

I respectfully urge the Commission to reject this proposal and to reaffirm its commitment to preserving the space that transcend political division. With limited space and resources, it is essential that decisions about monuments reflect careful, long-term consideration and emphasize unity, education, and conservation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued stewardship of our nation’s most treasured landscapes and gateways.

Name: Jennifer Stocz
Date: May 27, 2026 11:26:28 am

I am writing to oppose the proposed Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle and to urge the National Capital Planning Commission to reject the current concept. The vista connecting the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House is one of the most intentional and meaningful landscapes in the United States. It was designed to represent the reconciliation of a divided nation after the Civil War. Arlington Memorial Bridge was deliberately kept low in profile precisely so that this symbolic relationship could remain unbroken. The proposed Arch would sever that connection — visually, symbolically, and permanently. The scale of this structure is simply incompatible with its surroundings. At a height that would dwarf the Lincoln Memorial, the Arch would not complement the existing monumental landscape — it would dominate it. The long, open viewsheds that define the National Mall and its western terminus at the Lincoln Memorial reflect more than a century of deliberate planning. That tradition of restraint and careful stewardship deserves to be honored, not overridden. I am also troubled by the proposed location at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. This is a working memorial. Thirty funeral services are held there every day. The Cemetery’s character — solemn, unadorned, defined by uniform rows of simple white headstones — is itself a form of tribute. An oversized triumphal arch at its gates is inconsistent with that solemnity and risks reducing one of our most sacred national spaces to a backdrop. Finally, I want to note that the required Section 106 review under the National Historic Preservation Act has not yet been completed. Approving this project before that process concludes would bypass a legal safeguard that exists specifically to protect historic resources like these. The NCPC should not move forward until that review is finished. I urge the Commission to reject the proposed Arch in its current form and to insist on a process that respects both the legal requirements and the irreplaceable character of this landscape.

Name: Alicia Zeedyk
Date: May 27, 2026 11:28:26 am

The proposed arch is disrespectful to the soldiers at Arlington. Please do not allow this monstrosity to happen. Than you.

Name: Claire Fleisch
Date: May 27, 2026 11:28:36 am

Against! Retraction from the entrance to the resting place for those who are resting in peace. They deserve the honor of being respected without entry to their "home" being objectified by a narcissistic person.

Name: Jonathan Titus
Date: May 27, 2026 11:28:53 am

Washington DC is a beautiful place with many appropriate monuments and memorials. This proposed arch in no way fits into what is already present.

I supported the Vietnam, WWII, and WWI Memorials as they added to the historical importance of the area. This idea is divisive and in no way needed.

I have enjoyed many trips to DC and hope to return in the next few years on an Honor Flight--do not dishonor people like me.

Name: Robert Lukkes
Date: May 27, 2026 11:29:26 am

I vehemently oppose the building of the arch.

- 1) It is a waste of taxpayer money.
 - 2) It destroys the sightings on the National mall.
 - 3) The size is disproportionate for the mall.
 - 4) A living president cannot be allowed to build a monument to themselves.
 - 5) The country needs to support our people and our democracy, not build vanity projects.
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Name: Brenda Carmody
Date: May 27, 2026 11:29:40 am

I strongly oppose this project. I moved from Colorado to Washington in 2023 and I am 76 years old. I attend the Washington National Cathedral and drive over the Memorial Bridge every Sunday. I am always moved driving by Arlington and toward the Lincoln Memorial. I do not take the gravestones or the Memorials for granted. These stand as a national memory of our history and our values. The link between Lincoln and Arlington is a statement of the attempt to unite our country after the Civil War. It seems to me that this representation is especially important during these divisive times. Please do not allow this desecration to take place.

Name: Rhonda Hickman
Date: May 27, 2026 11:29:42 am

The historical monuments in Washington DC celebrate and remember great acts by heroic people; they are built in keeping with the solemnity of our American History. They are stately and in good taste. This arch celebrates nothing, but Trump's ego. It is garish and doesn't belong in the vicinity of those who have sacrificed much for their country. Please don't let this proceed.

Name: Arlynn Hacker
Date: May 27, 2026 11:29:45 am

I am against the proposed new monument arch. It will obscure the Arlington cemetery as you cross the bridge. Plus take away from solemnity of fallen heroes. The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House.

One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.

Name: Laura Yorke
Date: May 27, 2026 11:30:01 am

We as a country can not allow this to continue. Our National Parks are not Trump's playground to fuel his narcissism. This arch is disrespectful to those laid to rest in Arlington. Trump is doing his best to plaster his name all over sacred monuments and this cannot be allowed to continue. He's already destroyed the White House and the Kennedy Center...stop him now from continuing this desecration.

Name: Bruce Katz
Date: May 27, 2026 11:30:22 am

I am utterly opposed to the creation of the Monumental Arch. Its design is more monstrous than monumental and its proximity to Arlington Cemetery is offensive. Arlington is a deliberately quiet memorial site meant to honor those who served to protect the country. The tallest structure in the cemetery is the 90-foot high flagpole. Everything else is close to the ground as is fitting in a place meant to remind us of how death, history, and time level us all. A 250 foot high arch would dwarf virtually everything in the park. Its massive size would celebrate neither duty nor sacrifice but only itself. "Triumph" is precisely the wrong message to be conveyed at so sombre a site. Frankly it looks like the kind of self-congratulatory structure that Napoleon might have ordered built -- or worse, that might have been proposed in Berlin back in the 1930s. Moreover it would be an eyesore, interrupting the current line of sight from the cemetery to the Lincoln Memorial and the Mall.

Look: This Arch is not America. It is crass, self-congratulatory, and garish -- not an expression of honor and respect for the fallen but, rather, a testament to the ego of the current occupant of the White House. I view it as an insult to the United States and to every man and woman who has served the country in war and peace.

Name: Rosalind Petnuch
Date: May 27, 2026 11:30:45 am

NO. NO. NO...NO!!!!!!!

Enough is enough. I do not support this Monumental Arch.
Money is being wasted. There is absolutely no reason to change the landscape of the original idea process of our early developers.

Name: Lynn Patsiga
Date: May 27, 2026 11:31:55 am

This monumental arch is an affront to all Americans who have fought and died in service to our great country.
There should be no arch built for a five deferment, draft dodging coward. This is an absolute disgrace.
No arch. No monument to a coward.

Name: Margaret Riggs
Date: May 27, 2026 11:32:18 am

As a American veteran and the 4th generation of veterans in my family, I strongly oppose the proposed Triumphal Arch at Arlington Memorial Bridge and Memorial Circle. Arlington National Cemetery is sacred ground — a place of humility, reflection, and remembrance for those who served and sacrificed. The scale and location of this massive structure would overshadow the solemn character of Arlington and disrupt one of the nation’s most meaningful historic vistas connecting the Lincoln Memorial, Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House.

This proposal does not protect open space, existing commemorative works, or the cultural and historic integrity required under the Commemorative Works Act. A monument of this size risks turning a place of quiet reverence into one dominated by spectacle. I respectfully urge the Commission of Fine Arts to reject the current proposal and await full Section 106 historic preservation review before any approval is considered.

Name: Kristina Pry
Date: May 27, 2026 11:33:03 am

The current structures and monuments of Arlington National Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial are incredibly powerful pieces of American history. They represent the sacrifice of hundreds of thousands of American lives and the reconciliation of the North and South after the Civil War. The proposed arch disrupts the connection between all the pieces of Arlington and the greater DC historic areas. I strongly oppose this arch in its entirety. One man's vanity should not overshadow the legacy of hundreds of thousands of dead Americans and our history in general.

Name: Donna Evans
Date: May 27, 2026 11:33:34 am

For all the reasons already enumerated by others, NO MONUMENTAL ARCH is to be built in Washington DC.

Name: Lori Fellers
Date: May 27, 2026 11:33:41 am

Please do not approve this project!
It is a vanity project that would be a waste of tax payers money at a time when so many families are struggling to make ends meet. So tired of this administration’s focus on gold monuments when so many other programs to help people are being cut.

Name: Trudy Smith
Date: May 27, 2026 11:34:50 am

Please do not build this arch. As a native Washingtonian, I cannot believe this arch will enhance our beautiful city.

Name: Cherie Kraus
Date: May 27, 2026 11:35:00 am

To whom it may concern:
I am in agreement, 100%, with the National Trust Comments to CFA on Proposed New Monumental Arch. To add to that, I believe that the construction of this monolith would be a blight to the area and a complete waste of money.
Thank you for your time and attention.
A very concerned citizen,
Cherie Kraus

Name: Lisa Hummel
Date: May 27, 2026 11:36:42 am

Please stop this atrocity in its tracks. This has nothing to do with our national pride and shared history. This has everything to do with feeding President Trump's ego. It would be an unconscionable shame to even let this project go any further than it has already.

Name: Kathryn Swartz
Date: May 27, 2026 11:37:36 am

This arch absolutely should NOT be built. There really need to be no additional comments than that. It shouldn’t even be considered. Any monuments built in Washington DC need to be considered by all the appropriate committees and follow all the normal regulatory rules. An individual deciding that a monument is going to be built for his own glory has absolutely zero support and no place in this country. No, no, no.

Name: Valerie Leman
Date: May 27, 2026 11:38:09 am

Asa the daughter of an Iwo Jima USMCR veteran, I am deeply concerned about the dignity and views of Arlington Nat'l Cemetery, where flag raiser Sgt. Michael Strank and Sgt. Jon Basilone are memorialized. The proposed Arch location will interrupt the views across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. I have learned that Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed with a low profile to respect the visual and symbolic vistas connecting the National Mall and National Cemetery. The unprecedented height and scale of the proposed Triumphal Arch will overwhelm not only Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House but also the Lincoln Memorial. It is unnecessary and offensive to existing beloved monuments. Please listen to many concerned citizens such as myself!!!

Name: Walter Hope
Date: May 27, 2026 11:39:19 am

- 1) FAA airspace is needed for safe use of the DC airport.
 - 2) This is horrible looking and shouldn't be in ANY location in DC.
 - 3) it would disrupt the views of the monuments on either end
 - 4) it does not deflect the legally required release of the Trump-Epstein Files
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Name: Susan Hibbard
Date: May 27, 2026 11:39:50 am

It is inappropriate that a draft dodger erect a monument to himself that block the view to Arlington National Cemetery. If he wants a monument to himself, he can do it at Mar-a-Lago without public money. Taxpayer monies can be more effectively used. He is (purportedly) a billionaire; Let him pay for this monstrosity if it is approved. I urge you to vote down this proposal.

Name: Laurie Feldman
Date: May 27, 2026 11:41:36 am

I have read the following comments from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and agree with each and everyone of their concerns:

We respectfully submit the following comments concerning the current proposal by the Executive Office of the President and the U.S. Department of the Interior to construct a new Triumphal Arch at Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. We urge the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts (“CFA”) to consider these comments in connection with its responsibility under the Commemorative Works Act, following consultation with the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission, to approve site and design proposals for commemorative works so that such works do not “interfere with, or encroach on, an existing commemorative work and to the maximum extent practicable, protect open space, existing public use, and cultural and natural resources.” We would also remind the members of the CFA that the Commemorative Works Act requires the project to be approved by Congress.

After reviewing the revised concept plans that have been submitted to CFA, the National Trust remains concerned about the location, height, scale, and design of the proposed Triumphal Arch, the manner in which it interferes with existing commemorative works and fails to protect existing public uses and cultural resources. Notwithstanding comments and recommendations by Commission members at the April 2026 meeting, the modifications to the proposal have been minimal. Most notably, the 68-foot-high sculpture at the top of the proposed Arch has not been removed or reduced, contrary to the Commissioners’ recommendation.

The location of the proposed Arch, at Memorial Circle, will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscape vistas in Washington, DC, the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed with a low profile to respect the visual and symbolic vistas connecting the National Mall and National Cemetery. If constructed as planned at the proposed location, the new Triumphal Arch will obscure the intentional axial and aesthetic relationships between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House.

The National Trust is also deeply concerned about the unprecedented height and scale of the proposed Triumphal Arch, which will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House. The proposed Arch would be double the size of the Lincoln Memorial and would risk disrespecting this powerful and beloved monument. As such, the Triumphal Arch is inconsistent with the McMillan Plan and subsequent planning decisions that have stewarded the National Mall as a unified composition characterized by long, open, and uninterrupted viewsheds, with a clear hierarchy of monumental elements, that culminates at its western end at the Lincoln Memorial.

In addition, the proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery. The hallowed resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families, Arlington National Cemetery is a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice, selfless service, and national unity, all within sight of the monumental core of the Nation’s Capital. Distinguished by the Tomb of the Unknowns, Memorial Avenue, and rolling hillsides of uniform rows of simple headstones, Arlington National Cemetery is a living memorial that honors thirty funeral services each day. The Arch, as proposed, would dominate Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers.

Finally, it is important to note that review of the proposal under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act has not yet been initiated. We understand that the National Park Service will be initiating Section 106 consultation soon, but the statute mandates that the review process be completed “prior to” approval of the project. 54 U.S.C. § 306108. In addition, based on past experience with Section 106 consultation in the National Capitol region, the proposed plans will be improved in response to the collaborative review and comments from the expert professional staff of the involved agencies, including the Commission itself. We urge the Commission members to await the Section 106 process, which has not yet been initiated.

Name: Julie Hawkins
Date: May 27, 2026 11:42:04 am

I do not want this arch to be built. As a 56 year old who has yet to visit our nations capitol I do not want the original plans to be destroyed with this ugly European arch. We do not need this to improve our country, and certainly not to memorialize Donald Trump, our country is currently great and our monuments are fine the way they are currently built. The whole point of the founding of the US was to be a new nation, not the European ones we came from, but one founded on democracy and freedom. This arch is just absolutely ridiculous and just one man’s vision to celebrate himself.

Name: Cathy Guzman
Date: May 27, 2026 11:42:11 am

This is the most disrespectful disregard for veterans and the entire nation. I adamantly oppose this hideous project.

Name: Marie Walcroft
Date: May 27, 2026 11:44:03 am

I agree with the statement from the National Trust. When we visited Washington in 2000, the unobstructed view from the Arlington Cemetery to the Lincoln Memorial was awe inspiring. It is a violation of our country's history of reconciliation, honoring those who have sacrificed their lives for a more perfect union and our democracy, to have a vanity project overwhelm a sacred national treasure.

The statement expresses my concerns:

The location of the proposed Arch, at Memorial Circle, will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscape vistas in Washington, DC, the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed with a low profile to respect the visual and symbolic vistas connecting the National Mall and National Cemetery. If constructed as planned at the proposed location, the new Triumphal Arch will obscure the intentional axial and aesthetic relationships between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House.

The National Trust is also deeply concerned about the unprecedented height and scale of the proposed Triumphal Arch, which would overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House. The proposed Arch would especially diminish and disrupt the iconic and powerful presence of the beloved Lincoln Memorial.

The proposed location of the Arch is also inconsistent with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery. As the hallowed resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families, Arlington National Cemetery is a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice, and national unity, all within sight of the monumental core of the Nation's Capital.

Distinguished by its rolling hillsides with uniform rows of solemn graves lined with powerful, unadorned headstones, Arlington National Cemetery is a living memorial that hosts hundreds of funeral services every month. The Arch, as proposed, would dominate the National Cemetery, and would be inconsistent with its solemn and hallowed character.

Name: Mary Crawford

Date: May 27, 2026 11:44:50 am

I am writing in objection of the proposed Arch. This monstrosity will dwarf the Lincoln Memorial and disrupt the the entry to Arlington National Cemetery - it has no place in our Nation's Capital. It is strictly a vanity project and not adding to the beautiful and serene feel of this area

Name: Lauren Geiselhofer

Date: May 27, 2026 11:45:15 am

I respectfully oppose the proposed Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle because of the impact it could have on one of the most historically and symbolically important landscapes in the country. The existing viewshed between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House was intentionally designed to represent unity and reconciliation following the Civil War. The openness and uninterrupted visual connection between these landmarks is a meaningful part of the experience and historical significance of the site. The proposed Arch would introduce a very large new structure into a space that currently draws its strength from simplicity, openness, and reflection. In my opinion, its scale and placement could disrupt the historic relationship between these landmarks and compete with the character of the surrounding memorial landscape. Arlington National Cemetery is an especially solemn and sacred place honoring generations of service members and their families. Any additions to this setting should carefully preserve the dignity and clarity of the space rather than become a dominant visual feature. While I appreciate the intention behind creating new memorials and public spaces, this proposal feels out of place within the historic context of Memorial Circle and the monumental core. I encourage the committee to reconsider this proposal or explore alternative locations that would have less impact on this nationally significant landscape.

Name: Cheryl Shipley

Date: May 27, 2026 11:45:23 am

This is a ANOTHER disgusting waste of the Taxpayers money. It is overshadowing Arlington Cemetery that honors the REAL heroes who gave their lives to protect this country. NO ARCH ! ! ! !

Name: Martha Shea

Date: May 27, 2026 11:45:40 am

I strongly object to the proposed triumphal arch being proposed. It lack historical importance - what triumph are we celebrating? It lacks seriousness - are we celebrating one person's term in the Office of the President? It certainly appears that way. Additionally in any triumph, there are myriads of individuals who contribute to that triumph - who are they? What are the names? What did they do in this "triumph?" Who did we lose during this triumph. Will this be memorializing any citizens? If so, for what?

I also object on aesthetic grounds - this is too large for the space, minimizes the view to the sacred ground of Arlington Cemetery, is out of scale with our great Lincoln and Washington Monuments. And it a traffic hazard.

This is ani ill-conceived, ill-planned and way too expensive a project - and a vanity project of that by the executive - to be given an serious consideration by any national body overseeing the historical and aesthetic consistency of our national's capital.

Vote no, and drop this project.

Name: Bette Kahn

Date: May 27, 2026 11:46:44 am

PLEASE do not allow this arch to be built. It is reminiscent of victorious armies and dictators, and will NOT be a welcome addition to Washington.
It is the most UN-American thing we could ever build. I am totally against it!

Name: Ronda Schiess

Date: May 27, 2026 11:47:01 am

The proposed arch is unnecessary and clutters up the view. Why is it needed? Why is it worth taxpayer funds? It looks like a copy of the Arch de Triumph in Paris. Why copy what another country has done? That area in DC is beautiful, classic & understated just the way it is. Leave it alone, and let Trump install the arch at one of his many golf clubs or in Palm Beach at his own expense. No arch!

Name: Richard Levitch

Date: May 27, 2026 11:49:31 am

Do we really need to feed his ego by bulding a arch. The monies could be better spent on other projects such as fixing bridges and roads that are aging.

Name: Abigail Meyer
Date: May 27, 2026 11:49:39 am

I grew up in Washington, DC. I am very concerned that the proposed Triumphal Arch will disrupt the long-established visual relationship between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery and Arlington House, which is very important in commemorating the conclusion of the Civil War and the reunification of the country. I am also upset that the size of this proposed Arch will dwarf the Lincoln Memorial, which is one of the most beloved monuments in the city of Washington.

Name: Matthew Peterkin
Date: May 27, 2026 11:51:12 am

The arch's proposed design height will present an obstacle to air traffic related to Reagan Washington National Airport. The proposed location is along the takeoff and landing routes for two runways. Furthermore, the height and mass of the arch potentially will alter normal wind patterns, making navigation around the structure more difficult. This already congested airspace with highly specific security-related and sound abatement directives complicating navigation does not need another hazard to aviation.

Name: David Kurtz
Date: May 27, 2026 11:51:28 am

I highly oppose the building of this structure at the proposed location. It is clearly a slap in the face and a dishonor to those hero's buried at Arlington National Cemetery. On another note, it very much resembles a structure from the horrific era of nazi germany.

Name: B Trosper
Date: May 27, 2026 11:52:18 am

I echo the National Historic Trust on the request to stop the Arch

The location of the proposed Arch, at Memorial Circle, will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscape vistas in Washington, DC, the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed with a low profile to respect the visual and symbolic vistas connecting the National Mall and National Cemetery. If constructed as planned at the proposed location, the new Triumphal Arch will obscure the intentional axial and aesthetic relationships between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House.

Please stop the vanity project, and keep the historic viewpoints uncluttered. Keep the respectful access to the fallen soldiers buried in Arlington.

Name: Robin Mowry
Date: May 27, 2026 11:52:45 am

The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House.

One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.

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.

Vote NO on this corrupt vanity project that harms sacred views and does not help Americans in any way. People can't afford food, gas or medical care, so not one penny of taxpayer money should be spent for a tribute to the worst president America has ever had.

Name: Mike Connair
Date: May 27, 2026 11:53:13 am

No class, ostentatious, trashy. Frankly ugly. It does reflect the person pushing this monstrosity.

Name: Deborah Vavra
Date: May 27, 2026 11:54:21 am

I am writing to oppose the building of the monumental arch. This project does not represent America, but rather is a vanity project for the current president. It would desecrate Arlington National Cemetery and be disrespectful to the service members who died in service to the country. It's also too big and would obscure views of the other monuments. Please do not let this project proceed.
Thank you.

Name: Janet Moran
Date: May 27, 2026 11:54:35 am

I am writingin opposition to the proposed Monumental Arch. This arch is nothing but a vanity project for President Trump. It will destroy, not enhance, the beauty of the area. Views will be obstructed and the history of the area will be altered. I also am aware that the FAA have concerns about flight safety. There is no need for this arch other than to salve Trump's ego. Please vote against this hideous project.

Name: B.Cecile Adler
Date: May 27, 2026 11:54:48 am

No! We do not need another homage to Trump. And certainly not one that is outsized and overlooks Arlington National Cemetery. Why does he want to destroy the beauty D.C. with large projects that wind up costing taxpayers so much money. NO, NO, NO.

Name: Janet Smith
Date: May 27, 2026 11:55:04 am

This arch is an insult to the military buried at Arlington National Cemetery. It is an enormous and overwhelming eyesore that is only serves as a vanity project for the current president. The people he called losers and suckers. It is a huge waste of taxpayer money, money that should be spent supporting the military, not insulting it. I DO NOT support this project in any way!

Name: Janna Glasser
Date: May 27, 2026 11:55:29 am

I have never submitted comments to this group, but I feel compelled to address the Arch proposal. It is a meaningless, unnecessary and insulting project. With so many Americans opposed to the current administration, to put an Arch up in our nation's capital that honors and lauds this administration is an egregious and divisive action. Washington D.C. is a well-laid out, thoughtful and beautiful city. It doesn't need an Arch. With so many of our citizens suffering from high prices and reduced social welfare programs, the money spent on an Arch should be directed to towards helping them. Thank you.

Name: Susan Wohlander
Date: May 27, 2026 11:56:07 am

I do not approve of the proposed Trump arch in Washington, D.C. because I believe our nation's capital should reflect unity, democratic values, and respect for the broader history of the United States rather than elevate a single modern political figure in such a grand and permanent way. Monuments and architectural landmarks in Washington are traditionally reserved for honoring presidents and leaders whose legacies have been fully evaluated over time and whose contributions are widely recognized across party lines. Creating a monumental arch dedicated to Donald Trump while political divisions surrounding him remain intense risks deepening national polarization rather than fostering civic pride. Washington, D.C. is not meant to serve as a platform for political branding or personal glorification. The city's memorials are intended to honor sacrifice, constitutional principles, and the enduring institutions of American democracy. A Trump arch could easily be viewed as partisan symbolism rather than a unifying national tribute. Regardless of one's political beliefs, public monuments should strive to represent ideals that bring Americans together. Additionally, there are more pressing priorities deserving public attention and funding, including infrastructure, veterans' services, education, and preserving existing historical landmarks. Building a massive new monument centered on a living and highly controversial political figure sends the wrong message about national priorities. For these reasons, I believe such a project would diminish the dignity and historical balance of Washington, D.C. rather than enhance it.

Name: Monique Dufour
Date: May 27, 2026 11:56:33 am

Citizens do not want or need this monstrosity. It offends the memory of those who sacrificed at Arlington,

Locating it at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery. The hallowed resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families, Arlington National Cemetery is a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice, selfless service, and national unity, all within sight of the monumental core of the Nation's Capital. Distinguished by the Tomb of the Unknowns, Memorial Avenue, and rolling hillsides of uniform rows of simple headstones, Arlington National Cemetery is a living memorial that honors thirty funeral services each day. The Arch, as proposed, would dominate Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers.

Name: Glenna Haynes
Date: May 27, 2026 11:57:06 am

I have always been proud and amazed at the thoughtful planning of the buildings and monuments in our Nation's Capital. That is why I am horrified at the proposed monumental arch that would negate the pleasing aesthetics and serenity of the area. As a tax payer and citizen of this country, I very much am opposed to this unnecessary and gaudy addition to the landscape. I fervently hope that it will not be approved.

Name: Katherine Marvel
Date: May 27, 2026 11:57:31 am

I want my taxes to support public education, public television, helping our senior citizens in need, and protecting our environment. I am adamantly against my taxes being used to build this arch that will only remind me every time I see it of the photos of the day Nazi troops marched into Paris (interestingly enough on June 14th, 1940). Please focus our money and energy on things that truly matter and contribute to the greater good.

Name: Margaret Hoppenrath
Date: May 27, 2026 11:57:34 am

Dear Mr. Cook,

I am concerned about the location, height, scale, and design of the proposed Triumphal Arch, and the manner in which it interferes with existing commemorative works and fails to protect existing public uses and cultural resources.

I feel the unprecedented height and scale of the proposed Triumphal Arch will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House.

In addition, the proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, would be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves of our beloved heroes.

Finally, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act mandates that a review process be completed "prior to" approval of the project. I believe we must wait for such approval to initiate any construction on this arch.

Sincerely,

Margaret Hoppenrath

Name: Karen Johnson
Date: May 27, 2026 11:59:43 am

I do NOT support the building of the eyesore arch. Please do NOT. let them build this. It serves no purpose and takes away from the historic meaning of the current view. Please vote NO!!!

Name: Heather Hall
Date: May 27, 2026 11:59:43 am

This arch absolutely should NOT be built. It is a gaudy monumental eyesore that we the taxpayers should not indulge the administration at this time of obscene inflation, escalating gas and grocery prices and the massive reduction of healthcare and food aid needed by a huge section of taxpayers. In addition the proposed location is completely inappropriate, blocking planned views and obstructing access. Do your jobs to protect these sacred spaces from tawdry clutter. If he wants a massive monument have him pay for it himself on his own property at a golf course.

Name: McCaslin Donna
Date: May 27, 2026 11:59:57 am

This arch looks European, not American. Such placement will dwarf the Lincoln Memorial and obstruct the view from Washington DC your most important and sacred armed forces cemetery in Arlington. Not to mention the traffic mess. Allowing the current administration to reshape the capitol city in his tacky, gold, ornate Mar a Lago image any further would be a mistake. It will take years to return OUR HOUSE and Capitol to its tasteful & simple grandeur.

Name: John Valter
Date: May 27, 2026 12:00:19 pm

This arch is a tribute to one man's vanity and should not be built.

Name: Ellen Carpenter
Date: May 27, 2026 12:00:54 pm

The proposed "Monumental Arch" is a monument to one person's ego. It does not belong anywhere on the National Mall and certainly not interrupting the sight line from the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington National Cemetery. Please do whatever is necessary to STOP this monstrosity from happening.

Name: Karen Fitzgerald
Date: May 27, 2026 12:01:18 pm

Please do not permit the proposed new arch to be built. The current landscaping of the area symbolizes the outcome of the Civil War with the cemetery and Lincoln Memorial in alignment.

Name: Ellen Kruger
Date: May 27, 2026 12:01:24 pm

Hello. Thank you for providing an avenue for comments on this historical and important piece of our American history.

I have been fortunate enough to visit Washington DC with my son on his 8th grade trip. The experience was immeasurable, not only for me but for all the students. Understanding the design and purpose of the placements of monuments was a significance I did not understand until I visited.

In an strongly, STRONGLY against the costume of this arch in every way. Not only does it have a negative impact on the views from Lincoln memorial to Arlington, or had no historical purpose commemorating fallen heroes or milestones in the creation and saving of our democracy.

This is a vanity project by the current administration. It is an expense that is unnecessary and vulgar in the face of struggling families across this nation. It is a repulsive proposal, which I strongly suspect, if completed, will cost millions more in the future to deconstruct.

Please put a stop to this ego fulfilling eye sore in our nations beautiful Capitol.

Thank you.

Name: Jonathan Gittins
Date: May 27, 2026 12:02:10 pm

I would prefer that this not be built. If previous administrations and congresses did not feel this was necessary for America 250, then I'm not sure why one person would supercede those decisions. As a taxpayer, I would want to ensure that, if this were built, it would be done in a way to minimize costs. This current administration seems to find a way to inflate costs to include all the grift. There would need to be a rebidding process to ensure this. One person cannot just decide to give it to a certain firm and then allow costs to balloon because each group involved needs to get their cut.

Name: Clare Fahy
Date: May 27, 2026 12:02:42 pm

I feel that the new monumental arch should not be built at Memorial Circle for the following reasons.

- 1, The scale of the arch is extremely large compared to the buildings and existing memorials nearby. It will dwarf the size of the Lincoln Memorial.
- 2, The arch will disrupt the view to and from Arlington National Cemetery. This is hallowed ground for Veterans, families and the American public. The view is part of the respectfully atmosphere established there many years ago.

3, The arch's design, oversized scale and poor location do not fit with the other symbolic buildings and grounds in this beautiful area.
I urge you to vote against building the memorial arch.

Name: Donn Brous
Date: May 27, 2026 12:02:44 pm

I am opposed to the proposal to build the Monumental Arch. My reasons are the same ones you are no doubt receiving from many members of the public. My primary objection, among others, is that it will not be a good use of money when we have so many people in need. My second objection is that the proposed design/size is inappropriate. It diminishes the current "landscape" of monuments that are so breathtaking as is. It is not a good fit. There are dozens of other higher priorities. Please vote against this proposal and any modification that might be offered. We don't need it.

Name: Donna Henrickson
Date: May 27, 2026 12:03:16 pm

The Legislative Branch of Congress reviews and votes to or not to approve every taxpayer project proposal in the U.S. Has NCPC, CFA, NPS and AOC weighed in to the Legislative Branch regarding the new arch proposal and passed their recommendations to Congress yet? Only the Legislative Branch of government has authority to authorize taxpayer funded projects.

The congressional House and Senate's job is to analyze the need for every proposed project that requires taxpayer funding, how the location and surrounding location of a project will be impacted, ensure that there is not already a similar project U.S. citizens are already funding, determine how much it would actually really cost to complete the proposed project if it is approved, including maintenance costs into the future with taxpayer funding. After your input, and congressional consideration, project go to the next level of being bid out to find the most knowledgeable, skilled, reliable contractor capable of completing potential projects through SAM in order to consider realistic cost numbers to move the project to a vote. The arch idea cannot move forward until the requisite bid documents, including architecture schematics, build out timetable specs and realistic budgetary documents for the project have been analyzed and voted on by the entire Legislative Branch.

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After a complete analysis, The Legislative Branch takes a vote to make sure every State in all 50 United States gets to weigh in on the decision to approve or not to approve every project with a congressional vote. — that's the way America works.

The arch idea has not been approved. It is still way too early in the approval process. Images have been seen already breaking ground without approval. Please submit your observations and recommendations to Congress as soon as possible to enable a vote in the House and Senate.

The Trump arch, should it be built, is arguably a more disgusting attack on Washington, D.C., than the ballroom. That's because the arch would pretty much wreck the carefully designed sight lines of the nation's capital city. It would block the sight of and ability for funeral processions going to Arlington National Cemetery and the many families visiting Arlington National Cemetery daily. It would dwarf the Lincoln Memorial, blocking the sightline between that and the memorial for Ulysses S. Grant. The current arch plan would totally obliterate the building height limitations in the national Capital area which are currently set at 130 high in the U.S. Constitution. The proposed 250 foot height of the Trump arch + the 68 foot statue on top of the arch makes the arch 318 feet tall — the equivalent of a 30 story building.

This arch project will need to be submitted to Congress for review and a vote by all Senate and House representatives from all 50 States.

Please consider the following points in your recommendations for this arch project:

— We have learned that an arch idea was submitted to Congress 102 years ago, so the arch project should not need congressional approval. That is false. Times have changed. Among other changes in the past 102 years, we now have airplane and helicopter landings in multiple locations throughout Washington D.C. to factor into the situation now.

— We have learned that the proposed arch will not be a traditional arch. It is now intending to include many galleries, a gift shop, 30 stories of elevators and stairs, an observation floor and be 250 feet (20-25 stories) plus a 68 foot statue on top making it approximately 30 stories tall.

— With the building limit set at 130 feet in the D.C. National Capital region, what would we be observing from the top of a 250 foot tall + 68 foot topper arch? Roofs.

Now that we know the arch is envisioned to be a gallery, gift shop, observation tower tourism destination, where would people park?

— The only thing we have seen of the design of this arch is the gift shop trinket of the French arch, just like one I bought in Paris. We have seen a round about looking idea to get past the arch in a vehicle. But now that it is a tourism destination, parking there or getting around the round about is a whole different story. It does not look like there will be space for a giant parking lot there. We definitely need more of a plan for Congress to assess what would really become of the National Capital memorials already there.

— The building height in Washington, D.C. is still strictly limited. Governed by the federal Height of Buildings Act of 1910, buildings on commercial streets are generally capped at 130 feet (about 11 to 12 stories). The exact regulations in the District of Columbia vary by location: Commercial Streets: Height is restricted to the width of the street it faces plus 20 feet, with an absolute maximum cap of 130 feet. Pennsylvania Avenue: The section between the U.S. Capitol and the White House has a slightly higher exception of 160 feet. Residential Streets: Generally capped at 90 feet (or less, depending on the specific width of the street). Because these are federal regulations enforced by the National Capital Planning Commission and local zoning laws, changing them would require an act of Congress.

— This arch project, as it sounds now, seems like a duplicate taxpayer project. The many Smithsonian museums on the National Mall already are America's taxpayer funded treasure. Our cherished United States Smithsonian Museums already have a long standing program of documenting the history of the United States of America as our premiere tourism destination. The Smithsonian already encompasses many buildings with historic exhibits, galleries and museums, many gift shops, many many elevators and stairs, and, offers several observation towers for airplane viewing and public astronomical observatories for viewing the sun and stars.

The Smithsonian has several facilities dedicated to observation: Astronomical Observatories: The National Air and Space Museum on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. features a public observatory where visitors can use safe, solar-filtered telescopes to observe the Sun, the Moon, and other objects in space. Observation Tower: The Donald D. Engen Observation Tower at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Virginia (near Washington Dulles International Airport). It stands 164 feet tall, offering a 360-degree view of airplanes taking off and landing, complete with live Air Traffic Control audio streaming. Research Observatory: The Smithsonian runs the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory (SAO). Headquartered in Cambridge, Massachusetts, it operates alongside the Harvard College Observatory as a major center for studying the universe.

Thank you so much to each of our organizations, NCPC, CFA, NPS and AOC for your stalwart watch over our National Capital memorials and historic treasures. And thank you for your valued recommendations to the Legislative Branch of Congress to ensure our Senators and House Representatives have the information necessary to make the best possible decisions as they vote for or against newly proposed ideas. Thank you for insuring we are putting ultimate respect and care front and center for the United States of America's national treasures.

Name: Deas Bohn
Date: May 27, 2026 12:04:12 pm

This construction is a travesty. Yet another vanity project that benefits no American citizen, denigrates existing monuments, illegally uses tax payer money. Do not approve this construction.

Name: Kathi Marak
Date: May 27, 2026 12:06:08 pm

Dear Sir or Madam,
I strongly oppose construction of this garish project in Washington DC. Our nation's capitol is carefully and thoughtfully laid out to stress the ideals of its citizens. This arch in no way reflects the people's image of our great country.
Thank you, Kathi Marak

Name: Diane White
Date: May 27, 2026 12:07:48 pm

I am not in favor of this new proposal for the monumental arch. It would disrupt the view and hinder the sentiment of Arlington National Cemetery. Also, no living president should erect a monument that is "dedicated" to him or his name. Money issues are not clear and the arch or building of it should not be paid for by taxing or going into further debt. It is not clear to me from where this money is really coming. Right now especially the American people are paying higher prices for gas, supplies etc. This is not an appropriate time or way to spend additional money, even if "donated".

Name: Mary Callahan
Date: May 27, 2026 12:11:38 pm

As a US citizen I strongly oppose the construction of the proposed monumental arch.

Name: Jan Adamczyk
Date: May 27, 2026 12:12:43 pm

Absolutely not. This is a vanity project not a memorial consistent with our values. We do not need or want this and it disrespects those buried at Arlington. Use the funds to help veterans rather than creating a stain on the landscape.

Name: Sandy Shoulders
Date: May 27, 2026 12:14:00 pm

Under no circumstances should this project move forward. Glorification of this administration is already to the level of grotesque. These are the things that tyrants and dictators do, not the president of the United States. Stop the project please.

Name: Helen Clark
Date: May 27, 2026 12:14:06 pm

I oppose this project as it will ruin the sightlines to Arlington Cemetery. Arlington Cemetery and the soldiers buried there (and their families) should always take precedence over this vanity project. It would be an architectural monstrosity, way too large in scale, and not at all complementary with surrounding memorials.

Name: Lisa Grohsman
Date: May 27, 2026 12:14:53 pm

This is an unnecessary project at taxpayer expense.
It will cause more traffic accidents at even more cost to taxpayers.
Donald Trump has an ego problem.
No American taxpayer wants this monstrosity.

Name: Barbara Hoffman
Date: May 27, 2026 12:15:59 pm

I am totally opposed to the erection of the new Monumental Arch. America does not need this arch. It would inappropriately frame views in both directions, and it adds nothing significant to the beauty of our nation's Capital. It is also inappropriate because its purpose is to glorify a current sitting president.

Name: Lisa Ey
Date: May 27, 2026 12:17:02 pm

Please stop the construction of the Washington D.C. Arch. It's massive size will obstruct the views of the Lincoln Memorial and disturb the tranquil and solemn views of Arlington Cemetery. One person should not be allowed to destroy the amazing architectural scenery in America's Capitol. Something like this and construction at the White House needs to go through hearings where the citizens are involved in the discussions and Congress votes on releasing funds for these extremely large and extremely expensive projects. Right now so many citizens are homeless and in dire financial situations due to the bad economy. Now is the worst time to fund such vanity projects. Please stop this waste of taxpayer money and divert the money towards helping citizens who are hurting!

Name: Carolyn Sundquist
Date: May 27, 2026 12:18:07 pm

Please do not approve the Monumental Arch. The location of this arch will desecrate the most symbolic landscapes in Washington. The relationship of the Lincoln Memorial, across the memorial Bridge to Arlington Cemetery and Arlington House would be overwhelmed by this gaudy and unnecessary tribute to the most corrupt president to have ever lead the United

States. It's bad enough he is destroying the White House, which does not belong to him, do not let him taint this historic representation of the reconciliation of the north and south after the Civil War.

Name: Sandra Mack
Date: May 27, 2026 12:19:37 pm

This arch is nothing more than self aggrandisement for Donald Trump. It would destroy the solemnity of the space between the Lincoln memorial and the entrance to the Arlington national cemetery. It is an expensive waste of federal taxpayer funds. We need to focus on the real issues plaguing the American people, not on "decorating" the solemn national parks.. please stop funding this self serving nonsense.

Name: Michelle Oconnell
Date: May 27, 2026 12:20:57 pm

The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House.

One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.

It is because this viewshed carries so much meaning that I have 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.

Name: Virginia Gowen
Date: May 27, 2026 12:21:43 pm

There are so many other needs in this country. I just shake my head and am astonished at this project. It is placed in an area that will visually destroy what is meant to be a historical connection between Arlington and Lincoln. Building a monument to oneself is an awful idea. Who the heck does this? Wouldn't it be great if this were something that all of the voters could have a say in? Why can't this be a ballot question?

Name: Kathleen Stephenson
Date: May 27, 2026 12:21:47 pm

Please do not allow the building of this arch in this spot. Adding or changing monuments in Washington DC should be a highly intentional and rare process done after thoughtful consideration and evaluation of the messaging and of the effects on surrounding space and structures. It should never be done at the whim of one person.

Name: Joyce Hervey
Date: May 27, 2026 12:21:53 pm

No New Monumental Arch! NO NO NO
This is a waste of tax dollars and interferes with the already beautiful scenery we have.

This is the United State of America, not the Trump States of America.

NO New Monumental Arch! NO NO NO

Name: Tanya Zimmer
Date: May 27, 2026 12:22:27 pm

I am totally opposed to the construction of the monument memorial arch . It is too big . It doesn't align with historical representation of the current monuments in Washington DC . It is especially objectionable in terms that it overshadows the Lincoln Memorial which is one of our most treasured and beloved memorials . Please oppose its construction.

Name: Patricia Cole
Date: May 27, 2026 12:23:42 pm

This is America. This is the United States of America. Any president of the United States who insists upon building monuments to himself while in office is not a president of a free country. This ugly, unAmerican arch is a copy of other arches around the world - there is nothing unique, interesting or beautiful about its design or its intent. It will be an eternal blight on the landscape of our country's capital. Letting the LEAST popular president in the history of the United States build himself a gold-bedecked monument while he is still in office is an affront to democracy. It would be a monument to failure. If this thing gets built, I will, personally find a way to go spit on it before I die. I imagine many Americans will find a way to express their personal displeasure with this horrific tombstone of a structure if it is ever constructed. Once constructed, I feel certain it will be the first monument to an American president which will be demolished the first time Democrats are in control of both the House and the Senate again. This is a total waste in honor of a would-be dictator's ego. Surely we could find a better way to spend our time and our money.

Name: Ann Wells
Date: May 27, 2026 12:24:22 pm

It's unnecessary, too expensive, unsightly, does not fit in with the rest of the city and should be something erected only in memoriam. Please do not let this project move forward. There are so many ways This money can be spent to better effect for individuals, for the nation, for society in general.

Name: Dawn Leijon
Date: May 27, 2026 12:25:54 pm

I am AGAINST spending money for a new monumental arch. I have been a DC resident since buying a house in 1999. Reasons:

1. it will destroy the currently unencumbered view from Arlington House over to the national mall
2. the design feels like a copy of the Arc de Triomphe rather than a totally original American creation; I recall the controversy around the Viet Nam memorial, but it's a stunning, unique tribute that's very moving to walk through - if we want a new monument, we need to have a contest to find original ideas that suit who we are now
3. the location doesn't give it space to breathe or be appreciated from a distance; rather, it will just be a distraction as people zoom around the Parkway and over the Memorial Bridge
4. given the state of American families - high prices, not enough housing, lots of car debt, majority paycheck-to-paycheck - it feels like it's a waste of money AND it doesn't feel like there's much to celebrate with a monument at this point in time

Name: Ruth McDaniels

Date: May 27, 2026 12:26:10 pm

This arch is not needed, it is being built with out authorization to suit 1 person.

The arch will make the landscape of DC ugly. It will tower over everything except the Washington Monument, we are a democracy not a monarchy or anything else. We have rules and 1 man can't control/demand this be done. This commission needs to stand up and support the citizens of the US and not be manhandled by this bully. Vote NO on this and followup to make sure it's not done

Name: Laura Bell

Date: May 27, 2026 12:27:11 pm

What exactly is this monument supposed to represent, other than a monument to the vanity of the current president? It has no educational, cultural or historical value. It's an insult to the veterans of this country and should not happen.

Name: Sarah Zeigler

Date: May 27, 2026 12:28:00 pm

The proposed arch will not only highlight the home of one of the most notorious traitors to American history by framing Lee's home, it is a vanity project to celebrate none other than the traitor currently in the Oval Office.

At a time when most Americans are struggling to pay bills the cost alone should be shameful and prohibitive as our tax dollars should be used for helping those hurt by this administration's policies

It would be an eyesore paid with stolen money whose only purpose is to feed the ego of one man

Do not let this proceed

Name: Judy Walsh

Date: May 27, 2026 12:29:27 pm

Hello, as a citizen with many family members who are veterans that actually served our country, I vote no on this proposed vulgar, ostentatious arch. It is ugly and heralds back to Communist displays of power. It blocks the perfectly planned views that honor our veterans.

Please choose to preserve and dignify the memory and valor of our veterans and not indulge an egotistical narcissist that only wants what he wants as usual and overlooks and ignores and tramples on what the rest of us hold dear.

Thank you.

Name: Gayle Groshko

Date: May 27, 2026 12:30:10 pm

I stand in opposition to the Arch. Its location would diminish the solemnity and grace of both Arlington National Cemetery and The Lincoln Memorial. Please do not desecrate these two historic landmarks.

Respectfully,
Gayle Groshko

Name: Joan Axilbund

Date: May 27, 2026 12:30:18 pm

I support the objections of the National Capital Planning Commission, especially the concerns about the height of the structure and its location. I also object to the fact that the procedure for reviewing the proposed arch is not being followed.

Name: Karen Truslow

Date: May 27, 2026 12:32:11 pm

My comments are specifically addressing the potential impact of this massive and overbearing project on the line-of-sight between Arlington Cemetery's Eternal Flame, which marks the gravesite of President John F. Kennedy and was intended to remain perpetually visible across the Potomac in the City of Washington, DC.

The Eternal Flame has been a constant and permanent feature of the Washington-to-Arlington landscape for the past 63 years. Cross the Memorial Bridge tonight, at twilight, and you will still see a tiny flicker from the gravesite of an assassinated president. It now appears to be threatened by a project of great mass and considerable impact on the surrounding landscape, lacking sufficient consideration for the sacred space that Arlington National Cemetery embodies.

I know of no substantive analysis in the project record that addresses the aspect of the Eternal Flame and its intent when originally conceived.

Apparently this little point-of-light has been missed, overlooked, or simply ignored by the current president. I vehemently oppose the construction of this self-aggrandizing monument that would forever mar the landscape of our nation's capital.

Name: Maria Powers
Date: May 27, 2026 12:32:25 pm

I am concerned about the cost and necessity of this arch. I can not conscience the use of tax payer money for discretionary spending on a decorative arch for many millions of tax payer dollars when spending cuts have been made to program like SNAP, and Medicaid. Literally, the current administration and Republicans in Congress have voted to take food and health care away from the neediest Americans. And now, there is a proposal to build a multi-million dollar arch. It's indecent that it will sit near Arlington Cemetery and immoral given the difficult budget situation.

Shame on the commission for this unAmerican project.

Shame on you for stealing from the American people.

You can take this Arch project all the way to the midterm and presidential elections and winning votes for the Democrats.

Name: Valter Ezerins
Date: May 27, 2026 12:33:13 pm

This arch would be a waste of tax money . Furthermore it would disrupt the purposely created view that currently exists. This project ignores American values. Do not approve this gross project.

Name: Beverly Walsh
Date: May 27, 2026 12:33:39 pm

To Whom it May Concern,

I strongly disagree with the building of a Memorial Arch on the Memorial Circle near Arlington National Cemetery. For a long list of historical, factual, and common sense reasons See "The National Trust for Historic Preservations comments to the CFA".

This is just stupid and yet another waste of US Taxpayer money at a time when we have NONE to spare. This is the wrong Memorial in the wrong location. We already have a time tested Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery. Add to that all the rest of the historical memorial buildings throughout DC which have been strategically located forr specific reasons.

The current administration is doing way too much to our (the American people's) capital city and it has to stop. Maybe one change or addition ever. 109 yrs or so but this is just to much.

Stop the madness now, before it is too late. We the people did not ask for this, and do not want this, or any of the other vanity projects this administration has proposed.

Sincerely
Beverly Walsh

Name: Lisa McKinney
Date: May 27, 2026 12:35:47 pm

I object to the monumental arch proposed by President Trump. The scale of the structure is too big for the site. The disruption of the view shed and the diminishing of the Lincoln Memorial that would result from the construction of the Arch would be a blight on the WDC landscape. I hope the commission will deny this proposal or, at the least, require a significantly reduced size.

Name: Lynn McIntyre
Date: May 27, 2026 12:36:01 pm

This is the most disgraceful structure to be built as a yet another vanity project for an insane president. The fact that it will overshadow the hallowed ground of Arlington cemetery is unspeakable. To allow this to happen is a slap in the face to all of the families that have their loved ones buried there.

If this so-called committee allows this to happen, you will be forever viewed as being on the wrong side of history.

Lynn McIntyre

Name: Edi Kramer
Date: May 27, 2026 12:38:01 pm

I am gravely concerned with the location, height, scale, and design of the proposed Triumphal Arch. The manner in which it interferes with and attempts to destroy existing commemorative works and fails to protect existing public uses and cultural resources is, in my opinion, totally unacceptable.

I feel the unprecedented height and scale of the proposed and uncalled for Triumphal Arch will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House, our national treasures and historical pride.

In addition, the proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, would be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves of our beloved heroes. It seems none of that is of any importance to a man who as a Candidate ran on the phrase, "Make American Great Again" and here he is proposing to destroy and dismantle all we have stood for in pride in our country. Make it great again? He is tearing it down in order to put his name in its place. I can still remember his words describing our soldiers as, "Losers". Why would America want to erase all our fought for history for one man's vanity.

Finally, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act mandates that a review process be completed "prior to" approval of the project. I believe we must follow our already in place but this Act and wait for such approval to initiate any construction on this arch.

Name: Angie Park
Date: May 27, 2026 12:38:01 pm

Please do not approve an arch that would disrupt the history of the Arlington Cemetery and surrounding areas. There is not a need to add an arch that is as awful as what has happened in and around the White House.

Name: Renee Wilfong
Date: May 27, 2026 12:38:06 pm

Good morning,
I am opposed to the building of this arch. Families are struggling to afford food and Healthcare and we want to put funds towards this project seems ridiculous. This is not a priority for the American people. This benefits no one.

Name: Marcy Redmond
Date: May 27, 2026 12:38:47 pm

Please.....no arch. Washington DC is the nation's capital, not a monument to one man who feels the need to put his name on everything.

Name: Diane Valeri
Date: May 27, 2026 12:39:58 pm

My mother, who served as a Lieutenant/nurse in WWII is buried in Arlington Cemetery. The proposed oversized arch will interfere with the honor , quiet and peaceful resting place for her and for the others patriots who gladly served their country. Please stop it!

Name: Allan Small
Date: May 27, 2026 12:40:44 pm

A neo-fascist, ego-maniacal travesty that will obscure the dignified historical view of the Potomac, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House, as well as dwarf the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. This must absolutely be stopped.

Name: Judy Colton
Date: May 27, 2026 12:40:46 pm

I am opposed to the building of this for aesthetic reasons and because I take my pride in our national historical monuments, not some garish tribute to a corrupt and incompetent leader like Trump.

Name: Andrea Reich
Date: May 27, 2026 12:41:02 pm

This proposed arch is nothing but a vanity project for Trump. It will block the view from the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington Cemetery. Also the scale is way out of whack with the rest of the historic buildings in Washington, DC. In addition, the arch is inappropriate next to Arlington Cemetery, which is a solemn place. Please do not allow this monstrosity to be built.

Name: Barbara Boyer
Date: May 27, 2026 12:41:14 pm

The people do need an arch built to "honor" Trump. The focus needs to turn back to helping we, the people. It's our money, not his piggy bank. NO

Name: Pamela Riffe
Date: May 27, 2026 12:41:16 pm

I am strongly opposed to the Monumental Arch proposed by President Trump. 1) it is an obscene waste of taxpayer dollars at a time when so many programs that ordinary Americans rely upon are being cut. There are so many other more responsible ways to spend that money. 2) As a long time former resident of the Washington area, I am very familiar with that traffic circle. It is a navigation nightmare on a good day, and adding the spectacle of the arch will be an unwelcome distraction that will draw the eye of drivers while simultaneously adding more pedestrian traffic to the fray. Bad idea. 3) It's placement is affront to Abraham Lincoln's legacy. It interrupts the sightlines between the former Lee Mansion/Arlington Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial and actually frames the home of the defeated Confederate general, which those who still hold a torch for the South's Lost Cause will celebrate. It's wrong. 4) The scale of it is excessive and its design completely out of character with the city. 5) I also concur with all of the objections to the arch set forth by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Please do NOT approve this project--especially at this particular location.

Name: Karen Mauger
Date: May 27, 2026 12:42:33 pm

We supposedly can't afford to give health care to those who need it. We supposedly can't feed hungry children. We supposedly can't get homeless folks the help they need. People are not getting the health care they need so they can put groceries on the table. Those groceries are more and more expensive. Gas prices are up and up. BUT the wasteful government has money for a stupid ARCH that will add to the destruction that this administration is doing in Washington DC. Please get a grip and vote NO to this absolute waste of money project. If this money is to be spent, put it somewhere where it will help the PEOPLE of this country that could really use it/need it.

Who cares about an arch. Who cares about a ballroom for only the elite. Who cares about the blue in the bottom of a reflecting pool. Who cares about a wrestling match at the White house.....Normal people DO NOT CARE or want these things.

Get a grip and listen to the normal folks....vote NO

Name: Deborah Piper
Date: May 27, 2026 12:43:31 pm

The American people do not watch this Arch, nor want to spend taxpayer money on it. Read the room, vote NO! Trump is not the King, it's time to start to stand up to him!

Name: Jeanne Megella
Date: May 27, 2026 12:44:28 pm

I oppose the construction of the arch. Not only will it dwarf the Lincoln monument, but will also make the view from the Washington mall to the cemetery very different from what it was planned to be since the Cival war. I don't feel that that needs to change for all those men and women who gave all. Some things so sacred need not to change. We need to keep traditions that have long been this country's call.

Name: Marianne Vanevic
Date: May 27, 2026 12:45:30 pm

This is a terrible proposal. It will ruin the current sight lines and degrade the dignity of Arlington National Cemetery.

Name: Virginia Parra
Date: May 27, 2026 12:45:33 pm

This arch is out of proportion either way surrounding monuments and also blocks the view of Arlington House and Arlington National Cemetery. It is not necessary and a waste of taxpayer money.

Name: Vickie Underwood
Date: May 27, 2026 12:45:35 pm

Not in favor. The monument is an ego trip for a despot and locating it in the National Cemetery is a travesty. Vickie

Name: Margaret McCarty
Date: May 27, 2026 12:46:14 pm

I strongly object to the construction of this arch. First of all, it will obscure and diminish the impact of the Lincoln Memorial, a focal point on the Mall. Secondly, a monument with the Trump name is highly inappropriate given his felony convictions. There have never been monuments dedicated to sitting presidents, and Trump simply doesn't deserve another monument to his vanity. Please do not allow this project to move forward.

Name: Deborah Guydish
Date: May 27, 2026 12:46:58 pm

Enough of our public buildings and monuments in Washington DC have been destroyed or altered for the worst. These federal sites belong to the people, not the administration in power. There is no need for an arch except vanity. This is no time for another ill conceived monument when so many are suffering economically and from brutal discrimination. Please refuse this project completely.

Name: Anonymous Citizen
Date: May 27, 2026 12:46:59 pm

Hello. I do NOT want the arch built. It's a waste of taxpayer money and shouldn't even be included on America's list of priorities.

Name: Victoria de Monterey Richoux
Date: May 27, 2026 12:47:26 pm

No arch to obscure the view from the Lincoln memorial to Arlington National Cemetery. No one president unilaterally marking territory all over the historic Capitol without approval from Congress and NTHP.

Name: Valarie Gilmour
Date: May 27, 2026 12:47:56 pm

The monumental arch is not needed or wanted by the majority of Americans. It is a waste of taxpayer's money, and it will be an eye sore.

Name: Robert Allan
Date: May 27, 2026 12:49:13 pm

Please accept this submitted in opposition of the proposed gateway arch between Arlington National Cemetery and the Washington Monument. This is an ill conceived project that was not even on anyone's radar screen five years ago. Existing buildings and memorials have been the result of years of thoughtful planning and input from affected stakeholders vs a project that the current administration is aggressively pushing forward. It will break existing sight lines which are unimpeded from the district towards Arlington placed in an area that can only seen from vehicle. It's scale is out of character for Washington towering over familiar tourist area where people can come learn about our history and learn about the people who have contributed to our great nation. Finally its proximity to the Potomac flightway creates a new and unnecessary obstacle for migrating birds and aircraft heading to and from Reagan National. There are better ways to celebrate this nations 250th anniversary. Remember graduating high school in 1976 when we celebrated with events, focused on our history in ways that helped build community, not the type of edifice we would expect to see in China, Russia or North Korea, nations led by powerful dictators! The arch speaks against democracy, it is, as proposed unAmerican! Please send this project to the scrap heap!

Name: Mary Frances Gordon
Date: May 27, 2026 12:50:11 pm

As a child there were often times when my father was gone for extended periods. I didn't quite understand what was going on till many years later. My father was active duty for 30 years. My mother was a Army nurse during world war 2. I understand now what they both went through and what they gave up for this country. They never spoke about what they saw but I Found out later they had horrific stories. Both of my parents are buried in Arrlington. Just the idea of a self serving arch for this president has made me sick. I mean physically sick. Every time I hear about it my stomach turns to liquid. The whole thought of this arch and it's scale Is obscene. Please for the sake of this Nation and all of the heroes that are buried in Arlington, Please do not allow this to be built in our great capital. This administration is hurting our Capital, Please please stop this project. Most sincerely, Mary Frances Gordon

Name: Kathryn MacAlister
Date: May 27, 2026 12:51:26 pm

Please, no. Do not approve. Historically inappropriate.

Name: JoAnn White
Date: May 27, 2026 12:51:36 pm

Please, NO more of Trump's ego-driven projects. Besides, it looks like the arch Hitler wanted to build.

Name: Rebecca Jess
Date: May 27, 2026 12:52:12 pm

Absolutely not! This excrecence has no place in the nation's capital. We do not need yet another monument to Trump's bloated ego. If he wants an arch (besides the golden ones at McDonald's) let him use his own money and build it at Maralago.

Name: Gregg Zollinger
Date: May 27, 2026 12:53:04 pm

The location of the Arch is a terrible idea. If disrespects the current monuments and the military who gave their lives for this country. Frankly it is disgusting that it is being considered.

Name: candace challenor
Date: May 27, 2026 12:55:30 pm

Please do nto approve the Triumphal Arch at Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

After reviewing the revised concept plans that have been submitted to CFA, I remain concerned about the location, height, scale, and design of the proposed Triumphal Arch, the manner in which it interferes with existing commemorative works and fails to protect existing public uses and cultural resources. It is the wrong thing in the wrong place.

Name: Janiine Babcock
Date: May 27, 2026 12:58:32 pm

I respectfully but strongly oppose the proposed arch. It does not fit with the other monuments and the gravity of the location. This is NOT what our country and citizens need or want and does not contribute to a sense of awe or grandeur to the site. Instead it demeans and detracts from the solemn beauty of the area. I'm a 29 year military veteran, I will be buried in Arlington next to my husband, also a 29 year veteran. These area mean a great deal to my family b

Name: Ivor Chapman
Date: May 27, 2026 12:58:39 pm

This is not a monument suited for the proposed location. It imposes on the existing topography and its line-of-sight symbolic memorials, and it destroys some of the core human and Constitutional values that America stands for.

Name: Janet Shorter
Date: May 27, 2026 12:59:43 pm

For decades, Washington DC has been a model of thoughtful, tasteful design and architecture that has been admired by millions of citizens and visitors alike. No one person, even the president, should ever have the right to unilaterally make changes to this iconic landscape with no regard for thoughtful discussion, permitting and historical preservation. His only narcissistic goal is to erect monuments to himself, which has never been allowed before. Please, we are begging you, stop the destruction of our beautiful capital.

Name: Beth Elzer
Date: May 27, 2026 12:59:54 pm

Re: CFA 21/MAY/26-1
Memorial Circle, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Washington, DC.
New Monumental Arch. Revised Concept.

I am writing to voice my opposition to the planned Monumental Arch. This is not what our tax money should be going toward in times like these — it is outrageous that this administration is spending money on grandiose projects of this nature. The project needs to be approved by Congress. This has also not happened, which is further eroding the coequal branches of government we are supposed to have.

Furthermore, the aesthetic disruption to the space in terms of scale, location, and design will disrupt this important visual and symbolic vista. This is an affront to the solemn intent of the space.

Regards
Beth Elzer

Name: Nancy Herrington
Date: May 27, 2026 1:00:42 pm

This arch is inappropriate because of its size, destroying the esthetics of the area. It interrupts the view and relationship between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery. It should not be built.

Name: Diane Hyra
Date: May 27, 2026 1:02:38 pm

Thank you for this opportunity to share my thoughts on the proposed New Monumental Arch. I feel this project is unnecessary and ill-advised. Its proposed location would ruin one of the most beautiful vistas in our nation's capital. I had the honor of crossing the bridge from Arlington National Cemetery to the Lincoln Memorial as a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer during the celebrations for the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps. How different that memory would look if Lincoln's DC home had been obscured. Please deny this project from going forward.

Name: Jonathan W Bayless
Date: May 27, 2026 1:03:16 pm

There is no benefit to this proposed Monumental Arch, it will only interfere with existing monuments. It would be a distraction from the real purpose of our nation and the historical symbols already existing in the Washington DC area.

Name: Dustin Burger
Date: May 27, 2026 1:03:42 pm

We do not need another vanity project for a facist dictator.

Name: Laura Hale
Date: May 27, 2026 1:04:41 pm

Based on the design, location, and lack of any need for this project, I wholeheartedly oppose this project moving forward. This is a vanity project that has absolutely no place anywhere in Washington DC, let alone the proposed site. Furthermore, not one penny of taxpayer dollars should be used toward the construction of this eyesore. Many of the citizens of this country are suffering financially right now and this project wrecks of "let them eat cake". NO, NO, NO to this construction.

Name: M Wagner
Date: May 27, 2026 1:04:45 pm

After reviewing the revised concept plans that have been submitted to CFA, there are strong concerns about the location, height, scale, and design of the proposed Triumphal Arch, the manner in which it interferes with existing commemorative works and fails to protect existing public uses and cultural resources. Notwithstanding comments and recommendations by Commission members at the April 2026 meeting, the modifications to the proposal have been minimal. Most notably, the 68-foot-high sculpture at the top of the proposed Arch has not been removed or reduced, contrary to the Commissioners' recommendation.

The location of the proposed Arch, at Memorial Circle, will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscape vistas in Washington, DC, the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.

The Triumphal Arch is inconsistent with the McMillan Plan and subsequent planning decisions that have stewarded the National Mall as a unified composition characterized by long, open, and uninterrupted viewsheds, with a clear hierarchy of monumental elements, that culminates at its western end at the Lincoln Memorial.

Finally, it is important to note that review of the proposal under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act has not yet been initiated. We understand that the National Park Service will be initiating Section 106 consultation soon, but the statute mandates that the review process be completed "prior to" approval of the project. 54 U.S.C. § 306108.

Name: Kathie Reilly.
Date: May 27, 2026 1:05:02 pm

Absolutely not! Do not spend my tax dollars on such triviality. The sole purpose of this arch is for one person's (Trump) self glorification. We must not compete with historical European arches. Wartime is over.

Please spend the money on historical landmarks that are threatened.

Name: Deb Sheppard
Date: May 27, 2026 1:05:18 pm

Calling on The National Capitol Planning Commission to reject the proposal for this huge monstrosity. As the grandmother of six young people I believe that this project sends the wrong message to future generations. Rather than a deliberative process, seeking input from affected stakeholders, neighbors, and experts, it appears to be an attempt by one man to leave his mark on our nations capital. Virtually every other museum, memorial, park and Federal building standing today is the direct result of the democratic process, which while messy resulted in the best of the best. Americans does not need nor want something of this scale breaking up the elegant view shed between the district and the hallowed ground of Arlington National Cemetery. Similar to the destruction of the East Wing of the White House this is the latest indication that American is moving towards having authoritarian leader calling the shots. When last we read the Constitution it was clear that we have three equal branches of government. Has Congress allocated funding or are we allowing the executive to make whatever changes he feels suit his mood? Please reject this horrible project!

Name: Darcy Gaines
Date: May 27, 2026 1:05:28 pm

I am an American citizen and do NOT want this arch to be built.
I have several close relatives buried at our National Cemetery and do not want their memory to be overshadowed by this construction.
I am, as many others, a Mayflower child!
The money used in this construction should be used for the many citizens who suffer medical conditions.
Thank you
Darcy Gaines

Name: Linda Eyerman
Date: May 27, 2026 1:05:37 pm

Opposition Comments - Proposed Trump Arch

A project of this scope and expense should not be a partisan issue. National historic preservation has always been a core value of our country, and changes (additions or deletions) should not proceed unless there is broad-based, near-unanimous support. That is not the case here.

My opposition is based on the following.

1. Expense. The costs of the project is enormous. Paying for it will require either raising taxes or reducing needed programs, neither of which most American taxpayers want.
2. Vanity Project. This project would be the first to honor a sitting president while he is in office, and in this case one who is politically-divisive. Monuments should be reserved for those for whom there is a broad consensus of support.
3. Scale. The proposal is for a monument that is out of scale with the surrounding environment, way too big and bold in comparison to other monuments like the Lincoln Memorial.
4. Location. The location of the proposed arch, leading to Arlington National Cemetery, is at odds with the purpose of the Cemetery which is to honor those who served in our military. This is not an arch honoring fallen soldiers; it is intended to honor President Trump who did not serve.
5. Orientation. The orientation of the proposed arch showcases a building owned and lived in by Robert E Lee, a general who led an unsuccessful insurrection against the United States in order to save a system based on slavery. This is an insult to the vast majority of Americans who oppose slavery and support equality for all.

Thank you for considering my comments, and I ask that you decide this issue with courage and based on core American values, not under pressure from the Trump Administration.

Name: Joanie Shumate
Date: May 27, 2026 1:06:28 pm

Please please please do not build this arch. It blocks the views that deserve to be seen not obscured. This is just one of the insane number of vanity projects of a demented old narcissist that needs to be ignored. Please do not let this monstrosity be built. Listen to Americans.

Name: Mary Pallon
Date: May 27, 2026 1:06:32 pm

This proposed arch is unacceptable due to the sight view of Arlington National Cemetery and its large size is not compatible with the other monuments in the area. The tone it sets also does not match with the other monuments and the cemetery. Finally, this should have been put before congress.

Name: Amy Lewis
Date: May 27, 2026 1:06:52 pm

Spending money on this is an absolute waste of tax payer dollars. It also needs to go through a design process like every other monument.

Name: Claire Kegerise
Date: May 27, 2026 1:08:19 pm

I urge you to reject the plan for this "Monumental Arch" that will restrict the view from the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington National Cemetery, damaging the inter-relatedness of these two sites. This monstrosity is nothing but a vanity project, wasting millions of taxpayer dollars that could be used with much better effect elsewhere.

Name: Robin Stanton
Date: May 27, 2026 1:09:25 pm

I oppose building this new arch which is wildly out of scale with the dignified landscape if Washington D.C.

The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House which is one of the most symbolic in Washington D.C.

I also object to any new monument glorifying a sitting president. Monuments to people should be reserved for honoring someone's memory after they have died, when the full scope of their impact can be evaluated.

Name: Pam Olson
Date: May 27, 2026 1:10:50 pm

Please do not let this lunatic build an arch anywhere, especially not in front of our national cemetery Arlington!!!!

Name: Nancy Paris
Date: May 27, 2026 1:11:14 pm

I do not want my taxes to go toward a monument. This is not needed and I think it destroys the view. Please stop this project.
Thank you

Name: Nancy Van Deusen
Date: May 27, 2026 1:12:24 pm

No arch blocking the scenic vista from the Lincoln Monument to Arlington National cemetery. This would destroy a very historic view designed to represent reconciliation after the Civil War. Don't let our country lose this. Also the money could be better spent on helping the American people with health care, child care and relief from high gas prices. This would be a giant waste of money.

Name: Mary Jane Lynch
Date: May 27, 2026 1:14:48 pm

This proposed arch is a monstrous blot on the landscape. I strongly oppose this waste of taxpayer money. I hope this committee starts listening to public sentiment and not just obey this corrupt regime.

Name: Chris Gates
Date: May 27, 2026 1:19:37 pm

I do not believe this monument should be built. The size and location is inappropriate. Mr. Trump has done nothing to deserve any monument. This is just another vanity project by someone who has no appreciation for our country's history. The sacrifice of our veterans must not be minimized by the vanity of a draft dodger.

Name: Kelly Gibbs
Date: May 27, 2026 1:19:53 pm

Not just NO, but HELL NO!!!!!!

Name: Douglas Oreck
Date: May 27, 2026 1:20:06 pm

I don't want to pay for this defacement of the Arlington Cemetery, nor do I want to pay for its future removal.

Name: Cheryl Leatherwood
Date: May 27, 2026 1:20:56 pm

We cannot afford it.

Name: Amy King
Date: May 27, 2026 1:21:21 pm

Hell no!

Name: Judith Brown
Date: May 27, 2026 1:21:35 pm

I am opposed to the construction of the Monumental Arch.

Name: Sue Sefscik
Date: May 27, 2026 1:23:58 pm

Washington DC is not a real estate project to stoke a president's ego. He should also rebuild the East Wing with his own funds. It was destroyed illegally.

Name: Kristi Smith
Date: May 27, 2026 1:26:52 pm

No President should be able to build a monument to himself. The monument should not be built.

Name: Georgia Niemeyer
Date: May 27, 2026 1:26:54 pm

Please do not allow the building of a new arch. This is not an appropriate place for such an arch. We do not need a monument to Trump.

Name: Katherine Hunter
Date: May 27, 2026 1:28:38 pm

My first concern is that the arch will overshadow the focus on Arlington. As Arlington Cemetery is so integral to our history and ongoing respect for our military, this is inappropriate. My second concern is the cost. Trump has repeatedly stated that in this time of war, social support programs cannot be funded. As funding is cut from housing, food, childcare, and health programs, it is inappropriate to build an unneeded monument.

Name: Gloria Esbensen
Date: May 27, 2026 1:28:39 pm

Please do not allow that atrocity to be built

Name: Melanie Rider
Date: May 27, 2026 1:28:41 pm

The Memorial Circle where the Memorial Bridge ends and the entrance to Arlington Cemetery begins is an integral part of an already existing memorial. Changing it in any way is disrespectful to the American people. The memorials belong to the American people, not a sitting president and therefore may not be changed in any way.

Name: Elaine Freund
Date: May 27, 2026 1:29:09 pm

I oppose the monumental arch. It desecrates an existing memorial the reflecting pool. I also oppose on the grounds that this is a vanity project for our president and since so much has been taken from us by him, he does not deserve the privilege of constructing anything that will live on in such sacred grounds.

Name: Jan Hartje
Date: May 27, 2026 1:30:15 pm

Hello. Please do not allow the vanity Monumental Arch to be approved. Do not allow it to be constructed. It will ruin the view, and it is absolutely tacky looking.

Thank you!

Name: Karen Smudde
Date: May 27, 2026 1:30:59 pm

From Arlington National Cemetery, which was built after the Civil War to unify the nation, there is a sweeping view of Washington, the Lincoln Memorial, and the Washington Monument. This arch would disrupt that view. It's disrespectful to veterans. It has not been approved by Congress.

Name: Linda Mahoney
Date: May 27, 2026 1:31:37 pm

Could it get any more tacky? It will lose the historic feeling of the area. Stop with this foolishness.

Name: Marie Koerner
Date: May 27, 2026 1:32:27 pm

I am totally opposed to the proposed arch.

Name: Karen Grant
Date: May 27, 2026 1:33:20 pm

This proposal is a (hard) slap in the face of every family member who lost someone who was serving their country. It also impacts the significance of the Lincoln Memorial as well as everything that is impacted by sight. This is just completely unnecessary but something that the American tax payers should not have to support no matter what. At a time when people are homeless, hungry and doing without necessities, any unnecessary spending should not happen, especially something that is only an ego trip for someone that has no consciousness (or really cares) about real impact.

Name: Maria Hein
Date: May 27, 2026 1:35:42 pm

The monumental arch has no place in Washington, DC. There is no need for it. We have many appropriate monuments representing the history of this country. The placement, in particular, of this arch is particularly troubling. It deflects from the truly important and reverent view to the National Cemetery at Arlington. I am VERY opposed to what is really an epic demonstration of Donald Trump's ego. Again, it has no place in our nation's capital.

Thank you.

Maria Hein
[REDACTED]
Portland, OR 97212

Name: Jancy Muensterman
Date: May 27, 2026 1:36:04 pm

I protest the construction of this atrocity. This is a total disregard for the sanctity on approach to Arlington National Cemetery. The proposed arch to 'honor' this disgusting draft dodging buffoon is a waste of money that could be used to better American lives. I highly PROTEST! This disgusting individual is not worthy of walking on the hallowed ground of Arlington let alone defacing the White House and it's complimentary buildings.

Name: barbara smead
Date: May 27, 2026 1:36:57 pm

The unneeded cost is a minor reason why building this arch should not be built. The view of the combined existing monuments will be minimized but most importantly the historical significance of current landscape tells "our story" of America's growth. This Arch has no Historical value to add to that landscape. The vulgarity of this unnecessary building is an affront to Americans.

Name: Catherine Gilbert
Date: May 27, 2026 1:39:01 pm

I am writing in opposition of the proposed Arch on the National Mall. I share the written concerns of the National Trust about the size and placement of the Arch. The National Mall is a treasure for all those visiting our nation's capital. Thoughtful consideration has gone into each Memorial that has been placed on the mall. Allowing for an honoring of past presidents, memorials to fallen victims of wars while preserving the views of Arlington National Cemetery. As proposed, the Arch would overshadow each of these and take away to sightline to Arlington. I am grateful that the National Trust has sought to preserve the dignity of the National Mall. If an Arch is desired, a thoughtful process of careful consideration of its size and placement needs to be completed. Thank you.

Name: Betsy Aller
Date: May 27, 2026 1:39:44 pm

I respectfully submit that the proposed Monumental Arch is both unneeded and poorly planned in terms of location, scale, design, and intent. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has clearly and thoroughly stated their findings and support for opposition to this proposed structure. Please listen to these experts, whose goals are to preserve the dignity of our capital, in recognition of our honored past and for future generations. Thank you.

Name: Cathy Burton
Date: May 27, 2026 1:39:50 pm

This arch will alter the historical meaning of the connection between Lincoln and Lee (Arlington Cemetery). I oppose this on many levels for many reasons.

Name: Catherine Byerts
Date: May 27, 2026 1:40:48 pm

I am very much against the current President disturbing any more of the current appearance of Washington. His recent proposals will not enhance this glorious city but will cheapen what citizens have grown to love. The White House interior has been ruined with gaudy gold paint and plastic ornaments. Please do not ruin the Nation's Capitol.

Name: david groh
Date: May 27, 2026 1:43:07 pm

I think this is a good idea and should be approved.

Name: Andrea Tenne
Date: May 27, 2026 1:43:30 pm

This proposed project will not only draw focus away from the Lincoln memorial as it will dwarf it in size, it will also take away from the solemn and dignified approach to Arlington National Cemetery. I was just there recently, on that circle on foot, watching respectfully as the buses carrying honor flight veterans based by. I can not image what that would look like and feel like if the arch gets built. I would find it completely disrespectful.

Name: Betty Kanne
Date: May 27, 2026 1:45:04 pm

I believe the New Monumental Arch should be stopped. The idea should be abandoned.

The location of the proposed Arch, at Memorial Circle, will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscape vistas in Washington, DC, the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed with a low profile to respect the visual and symbolic vistas connecting the National Mall and National Cemetery. If constructed as planned at the proposed location, the new Triumphal Arch will obscure the intentional axial and aesthetic relationships between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House.

The National Trust is rightfully also deeply concerned about the unprecedented height and scale of the proposed Triumphal Arch, which will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House. The proposed Arch would be double the size of the Lincoln Memorial and would risk disrespecting this powerful and beloved monument. As such, the Triumphal Arch is inconsistent with the McMillan Plan and subsequent planning decisions that have stewarded the National Mall as a unified composition characterized by long, open, and uninterrupted viewsheds, with a clear hierarchy of monumental elements, that culminates at its western end at the Lincoln Memorial.

In addition, the proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery

Name: Elizabeth Schaefer
Date: May 27, 2026 1:46:11 pm

The proposed 'Triumphal Arch' will prove out of touch with the aesthetics of L'enfant's vision and the McMillan plan. It's too big, ostentatious, and vainglorious. The new monuments of my lifetime have been moving in terms of words, & deeds: Vietnam War Memorial, MLK Memorial, Korean War Memorial, FDR Memorial, among others. The style is bombastic & wrecks of militarism, celebrating victory, over the sacrifice of those committed to the goal of freedom and democracy. I have become accustomed to the wheels of government moving slowly, allowing thought, reflection, & community input. This rush to build marks it as unprecedented, and ill-advised.

Name: Gretchen Hein
Date: May 27, 2026 1:48:13 pm

I do not believe that the triumphal arch adds anything to the national monuments. In my opinion, it does the opposite. I have been to Arlington National Cemetery and have toured it. The arch detracts from the respect and honor we as a country owe our soldiers. I love touring the monuments. It has been a highlight of my trips to DC. I do not want the honor I feel for

them to be married by a gaudy arch that does nothing to honor the sacrifices and acts the folks portrayed by the existing monuments.

The funds dedicated to this project would be better used to restore and maintain our existing monuments and parks.

Sincerely,
Dr. Gretchen Hein
Calumet, MI

Name: Cherylyn McLaughlin
Date: May 27, 2026 1:48:17 pm

The scale of the proposed arch is not appropriate for that area. It's a vanity project and nothing more.

Name: Eric Walker
Date: May 27, 2026 1:49:53 pm

I am writing to express my vehement opposition to the proposed 250-foot triumphal arch at Memorial Circle. As a citizen invested in the preservation of our national heritage, I urge the reviewing body to reject this design due to its inappropriate scale and devastating impact on our historic visual landscape.

The National Mall and its surrounding ceremonial spaces were intentionally designed to emphasize balance, democracy, and national unity. A structure of this scale—standing at roughly 20 to 25 stories tall—would completely disrupt the symbolic hierarchy of the nation's capital. It would dwarf the Lincoln Memorial and sever the historic, intentional sightline between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House. This vista was designed to symbolize the healing and reconciliation of our nation; obstructing it with a massive neoclassical arch destroys that powerful historical lesson.

Furthermore, the proposed inclusion of gilded statues, lions, and gold eagles introduces an aesthetic of triumphal spectacle that is entirely out of character with the dignified, understated neoclassicism of Washington's core monuments. Our public spaces belong to the American people and should reflect our shared democratic values, not the grandiose aesthetics of a singular administration. I request that the commission reject this proposal in its entirety.

Sincerely,
Eric Walker

Name: Donna Krivoski
Date: May 27, 2026 2:03:19 pm

I respectfully submit these comments to the National Capital Planning Commission in reference to the proposed Trump Arch at Memorial Circle in Washington, DC.

I request that you consider all ramifications of this unnecessary and costly project and reject it.

The size of the proposed arch would shamefully dwarf the Lincoln Memorial and it would interfere with the designed view and connection between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery, both of which would be extremely disrespectful. This braggadocious, grandiose monument would disrespect the solemnity of the National Cemetery and all who are buried there.

Please note that this project has not gone through the proper channels for review and approval or disapproval by Congress. It's time our laws and the duty of Congress stop being ignored. It's time to remember and respect the dignity and purpose that accompanies our symbolic national monuments.

Please do justice to our national spaces and reject this proposal.

Thank you.
Donna Krivoski
Easton, PA

Name: Elizabeth Rackley
Date: May 27, 2026 2:05:12 pm

The proposed "Arch" in Washington, D.C. feels less like a tribute to democracy and more like a monument to ego. The power of the capital has always come from its restraint — the clean lines of the National Mall, the openness of the memorials, the sense that no one individual towers above the republic itself. An enormous arch risks turning that balance into spectacle.

Washington is not Las Vegas or Dubai. Its monuments carry moral and historical weight because they are rooted in sacrifice, humility, and civic ideals. Dropping a massive triumphal structure into that landscape evokes imperial capitals and authoritarian pageantry more than American democracy.

At a time when trust in government is fragile, spending enormous sums on a vanity landmark would strike many Americans as tone-deaf and self-congratulatory. The city does not need a louder symbol. It needs leaders worthy of the symbols it already has.

Name: Walter Gilbert
Date: May 27, 2026 2:06:05 pm

This is a colossal waste of tax payers money. I am opposed to this arch!

Name: Linda Bickford
Date: May 27, 2026 2:06:41 pm

I absolutely hate the idea of this stupid arch— everyone hates it. It's just going to ruin Washington. But what's the point of commenting or even caring? Until Congress becomes the third branch of government like they're supposed to be, Trump just does whatever he wants. It's obscene and corrupt and yet here we are. Two plus more years of this vile administration— will we survive? Not sure.

Name: Celeste Young
Date: May 27, 2026 2:07:12 pm

The proposed Monumental Arch will overshadow Arlington Cemetery, bridge, and the area and vista views that have traditionally been so important to the architecture and design of Washington, DC. I hope the committee will review the size and location.

Celeste Young
[REDACTED]
Glen Allen, VA 23060

Name: Jeanne Dooley
Date: May 27, 2026 2:07:27 pm

Please do not approve this arch. It is a horrible testimonial to an awful president. Its design is not at all in line with the rest of the beautiful and powerful monuments in DC. Do not destroy the beauty of our nation's capital with this egotistical ridiculous tribute to felon Donald Trump.

Name: Cheryl Johnson
Date: May 27, 2026 2:07:38 pm

The Mall in Washington DC and Arlington National Cemetery are important sites in this country. The monuments and structures were chosen and defined by a sense of humility and honor. When citizens visit, and when visitors come from other countries, a sense of respect for those who have gone before us and respect for our nation's history (both good and bad) is evident.

The Arch, with its gaudy appearance, does not fit in with the other structures and gravestones. Its intent is to honor one man, except that man is building it. So there is no honor. There is no reverential respect, or awe. There is no understanding of a bigger narrative than his own self-importance. That is why the Arch doesn't belong.

Name: Farooq Ahmed
Date: May 27, 2026 2:08:12 pm

Why are we wasting money on a bloated wanna be dictator's bloated project when there are potholes throughout the city that haven't been fixed?

Name: MICHELLE BRUMBAUGH
Date: May 27, 2026 2:08:43 pm

This arch is completely dishonorable and does not take into consideration the planned eyesight between the Lincoln Memorial and the national cemetery with the graves of men who died during the civil war during Lincoln's tenure as President as well as the many who have served since that time. We need no more expenditures for vanity projects when the people of this country are seeing cuts to programs and services they depend on for education and healthcare. The dismantling of the East Wing without required approval, the claim that all expenses for rebuilding would be covered by private donation and the subsequent attempt to finance the rebuilding expenditures through public funds already proves that this cost would be born by private citizens, most of whom do not support this garish, inappropriate memorial.

Name: Jason Barbour
Date: May 27, 2026 2:09:58 pm

I do not support building this arch. It will take away from the existing memorials and views of Arlington National Cemetery. It is also an unnecessary expense. I do not approve of my tax dollars being used to build this arch.

Name: Ann Carlson
Date: May 27, 2026 2:11:03 pm

Washington D.C. is a very important place to me. I have visited on numerous occasions and love the history and symbolism of so many of the structures. They are meaningful precisely because they are simple and their design and location provide honor that does not detract from their meaning. I am very concerned about the "monumental arch" and very opposed to its construction. It is not consistent with the manner in which our capital has been built over the years. It is large, overly ornate and seriously interferes with sight lines of a true place of honor. We are not Rome, nor should we want to be, nor are we a country with thousands and thousands of years of history that included periods of large and ornate structures. Building this because we can, in no way means that we should. There are many ways people of the United States will celebrate and honor our 250 years as a country. None of us need this arch to do so. I sincerely hope this project is reconsidered.

Name: Patricia Markle
Date: May 27, 2026 2:11:30 pm

I am adamantly opposed to the building of Trump's New Monumental Arch. As a citizen of the United States of America, as a resident of Northern Virginia for nearly 30 years and as the great-granddaughter, grand-daughter, great-niece, niece, daughter, wife, mother, friend and neighbor of countless military service members, I deeply, passionately and profoundly object to the erection of any architectural feature that disrupts the lovely and tranquil panoramic view that currently exists between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery.

Our Nation, our citizenry, and most importantly, our military dead and their loved ones, deserve better.

Name: Betsey Ellerbroek
Date: May 27, 2026 2:13:37 pm

I strongly object to a monumental arch, or any other structure, being built on Memorial Circle. This is another effort by Trump to glorify himself. This project must be stopped at all costs! It is demeaning to all of our Veterans past and present and will be an abomination in our Capital city.

Name: stephanie powell
Date: May 27, 2026 2:15:07 pm

The proposed arch is tasteless, overwhelms the area, and is one more example of how Washington is being destroyed.

Please do not allow its construction - not even at a lower height - because once allowed, even at a lower height, they will go ahead and construct it the way they want anyway.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Name: Jeff Brown
Date: May 27, 2026 2:16:07 pm

I strongly oppose the construction of the proposed Arch..its placement will impede the view of current memorials, and it will symbolize a degradation of our beautiful Capital area...it's classless and tacky..

Name: Mary Geraghty
Date: May 27, 2026 2:17:02 pm

NO, No! No! Not only is the expense of it ridiculous but it serves no purpose. And it will detract from the thoughtfully planned landmarks already there.NO!

Name: Francia Lindon
Date: May 27, 2026 2:18:36 pm

The proposed arch would be an ugly blot on the skyline. The proposed design looks like a cheap copy of one that belongs in Paris honoring fallen fighters of the revolution. Such a mass here would obliterate the entrance to Arlington cemetery, a place where we honor our fallen fighters. Please don't waste taxpayer money on something that's definitely not needed and an eyesore.

Name: Suzanne DeFrancis
Date: May 27, 2026 2:19:29 pm

I write in opposition to Trump's proposed arch:

As the mother of a U.S. Marine, who has friends buried at Arlington Cemetery, I would hate to see this massive and intrusive structure encroach upon the beauty and solemnity of this sacred ground. Our first thought driving across Memorial Bridge should be of the fallen.

As a long-time Washingtonian, I have always been proud of this city with its beautiful vistas. As you drive into DC from the airport, you look across the river at the Lincoln memorial, the Washington monument, the Capitol. It's a quiet beauty. It doesn't shout. It's understated as befitting our democracy. We don't need an imposing arch, with royal flourishes, to taint our view.

What is the purpose of this arch? The Trump administration says it is to commemorate the 250th anniversary of our country, hence it has to be 250 feet tall, taller than many monuments including the Lincoln Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial and the White House. They also say it's to honor our veterans, but Washington already has memorials to all the major wars we have fought. Trump has little support for his project. Polls show a majority of the public opposed and, at a federal design review hearing, it was reported that "100% of the comments were against the project."

What was the process of approving it? The National World War II Memorial, spearheaded by the late Senator and wounded combat veteran Bob Dole, underwent a rigorous approval process. It took 11 years and required multiple acts of Congress, public hearings, a national design competition, and the involvement of several federal agencies before its 2004 dedication. One of the major criticisms was that it might interrupt the view between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument, just as Trump's arch would obstruct the view between the Lincoln memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. But Dole addressed this by making it lower.

If it took all that to build the World War II Memorial honoring a generation of war heroes, we should at least follow a similar process for a proposed arch that is simply commemorative and appears to be a pet project of one man.

Name: Frances Gerry
Date: May 27, 2026 2:20:56 pm

The Triumphal Arch will interfere with the existing commemorative works and does not protect public use. The Arch will intentionally disrupt visual and symbolic vistas. More is not better

Name: Kerry Dalton
Date: May 27, 2026 2:20:59 pm

I am submitting my objection to the proposed Monumental Arch. Apart from the following objections raised by the National Trust, this project is an ill-conceived one that smacks of taxpayer waste and complete disregard for the dignity of the highest office of the land in order to prop up the ego of the current president. I agree with the National Trust that: "the location of the proposed Arch, at Memorial Circle, will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscape vistas in Washington, DC, the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed with a low profile to respect the visual and symbolic vistas connecting the National Mall and National Cemetery. If constructed as planned at the proposed location, the new Triumphal Arch will obscure the intentional axial and aesthetic relationships between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House."

Name: Sue Moynihan
Date: May 27, 2026 2:22:14 pm

My comments express my many concerns about this project.

The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. This is one of the most symbolic landscape vistas in Washington, DC. The Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed with a low profile to respect the visual and

symbolic vistas connecting the National Mall and National Cemetery. If constructed as planned at the proposed location, the new Triumphal Arch will obscure the intentional axial and aesthetic relationships between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House.

Additionally, the unprecedented height and scale of the proposed Triumphal Arch will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House. The proposed Arch would be double the size of the Lincoln Memorial, disrespecting this powerful and beloved monument. The Triumphal Arch is inconsistent with all planning decisions that have stewarded the National Mall as a unified composition characterized by long, open, and uninterrupted viewsheds, with a clear hierarchy of monumental elements, that culminates at its western end at the Lincoln Memorial.

The location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery. The hallowed resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families, Arlington National Cemetery is a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice, selfless service, and national unity. Distinguished by the Tomb of the Unknowns, Memorial Avenue, and rolling hillsides of uniform rows of simple headstones, Arlington National Cemetery is a living memorial that honors thirty funeral services each day. The Arch, as proposed, would dominate Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers.

I urge you to abandon these plans. This Arch is unnecessary and meaningless, but will have such a detrimental impact on vistas, monuments, and other aspects of this landscape that have been carefully and thoughtfully planned and provide so much meaning to Americans.

Name: Kate McEnroe
Date: May 27, 2026 2:22:55 pm

I strongly object to the proposal for the Monumental Arch on the historical and aesthetic grounds raised by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

I further object to the concept of glorification of “victories” as the highest expression of the ideas of this country.

In addition, as a taxpayer, I strongly object to this expenditure of public dollars. Even in cases where private donations have been promised, taxpayers are impacted.

Name: Leona Papili
Date: May 27, 2026 2:26:17 pm

The proposed arch is a tacky monstrosity apparently designed by Mussolini's architect. It would have no meaning to the citizenry other than the shame and regret of despoiling deeply meaningful monuments.

Name: Christeen Mix
Date: May 27, 2026 2:26:35 pm

The revised concept plans that have been submitted bring up concerns about the location, height, scale, and design of the proposed Triumphal Arch, the manner in which it interferes with existing commemorative works and fails to protect existing public uses and cultural resources.

It seems highly inappropriate and disrespectful to our nation, our history, our values, our ideals, of the American people and our heritage.

Thank You,

Christeen Mix

Name: Marsha Roberts
Date: May 27, 2026 2:28:51 pm

The so called Arch will destroy the view and meaning that was intended. The arch will be the biggest eyesore in DC. At this point, I NO longer visit DC. It has no significant meaning while this government allows the destruction of American History to continue. And let's not forgot the monetary cost of this ugly piece of architect just to appease a demented so call president that has no sense of right ir wrong.

Name: Karen Rhodes
Date: May 27, 2026 2:29:56 pm

The arch blocks sight lines into and out of Arlington, a place of honor, tranquility and peace for our fallen and loyal veterans and their families. This arch is also a personal monument to ONE MAN, who never served in the military, and truly has no conception of national heroes or sacrifice for ones country (via his own words to General Kelly ...and his desire to use Arlington site photos for his own press). SACRILEGE !

Name: Marie Havens
Date: May 27, 2026 2:30:04 pm

I strongly oppose this arch. Here are the reasons
It detracts from the Lincoln Memorial.
It is grossly out of scale and character with the surroundings. Imperial rather than democratic. And ugly to boot.
It obscures the view of Arlington National Cemetery from the Mall.
It frames the view of the former home of Robert E. Lee, a traitor to the U.S.
It is a waste of taxpayer's money.

Name: Emily Graeser
Date: May 27, 2026 2:30:18 pm

Please say NO to this totally unnecessary project which would impinge upon so much of historical and cultural importance just to satisfy one man's ego.

Name: Nancy McCarthy
Date: May 27, 2026 2:31:51 pm

Simple comment....

Please ... please... please stop the desecration of our beautiful capital! There is absolutely no need for an arch to impede or desecrate our sacred memorials.

Name: Marcia Witt

Date: May 27, 2026 2:32:48 pm

Washington DC is a sacred place for the entire country. It is not a place for Donald Trump's personal pet projects to memorialize himself. It is appalling to think that this is even under consideration. There is no reason to desecrate the beauty, the symbolism, and the skyline. This is an outright demolition of the meaning behind the view from Arlington national Cemetery to the Lincoln Memorial. This needs to be shut down immediately. Hasn't there been enough destruction?

Name: William Fiege

Date: May 27, 2026 2:33:55 pm

Hello,

This Triumphal Arch does not fit with the other monuments in Washington, DC. It blocks the line of sight between Arlington Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial, which has a highly significant meaning in connection with the ending of the Civil War, and unifying the country. In addition, it is too tall and overshadows the Lincoln Memorial, and competes with the Washington Monument. Buildings and monuments in Washington have to fit certain requirements, and this Arch does not. In addition, the Arch has not been approved by the National Park Service, nor has the project been approved by Congress.

This Triumphal Arch does not belong in Washington DC or Virginia.

Please do not approve it to be built.

Thank you,

Bill Fiege

Name: Lou Duzac

Date: May 27, 2026 2:34:59 pm

This proposed monument is nothing more than an affront to the dignity of the Capital, and a token to the bottomless depravity of Donald Trump's ego.

If built, it will be destroyed ceremoniously within the next administration by request of voters.

Name: Nora Fischbach

Date: May 27, 2026 2:35:13 pm

The idea of an arch that will interfere with the beautiful monuments is not just a bad idea, it's a monumental waste of taxpayer dollars at a time when most Americans are suffering from inflation and loss of health care, food for the needy, and other vital services that have been cut. Frankly, it is an insult similar to "let them eat cake".

Name: Jennifer Scanland

Date: May 27, 2026 2:38:26 pm

Absolutely not. Economic crisis for most Americans should be priority not continued construction and development projects.

Name: Linette Lowe

Date: May 27, 2026 2:46:01 pm

I oppose the construction of this monumental arch. It would disrupt an intentional and meaningful viewscape and is an unnecessary and grotesque monument to the current President's ego. It has no place in our proudest national landscape.

Name: Patricia Simmons

Date: May 27, 2026 2:52:33 pm

I am opposed to a proposed Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway, near Arlington National Cemetery and along the Potomac River. It is an unnecessary waste of money from the coffers that are already strained by war.

Name: Phyllis Collord

Date: May 27, 2026 2:53:07 pm

I strongly oppose this arch for many reasons. The 2 most important are the fact that it will distract and take away from the grandeur of the Lincoln Memorial, a tribute to a president who had a great impact on our history and the future of our nation. Secondly, and more importantly, Arlington Cemetery is a place of respect and appreciation for the men/women who served our country (many who gave their own lives for our freedoms). The focus should be on those graves, on the Tomb of the Unknown soldier. A gaudy arch will take away from the solemnity and honor those buried there desire. An arch is unnecessary, a distraction and serves no purpose.

Name: Beverly Pack

Date: May 27, 2026 2:53:34 pm

This project is detrimental to the long-standing historical significance of this area. The proposed arch is nothing more than an egotistical, self-serving attempt by a man who cherishes NOTHING but his own ego. For Pete's Sake, someone needs to put common sense and loyalty back into our historical projects and existing monuments, buildings, national parks, etc!!!

Name: Richard Hyman
Date: May 27, 2026 2:55:13 pm

I am categorically opposed to building the proposed arch, even if private money were used. It would be one more obstacle that obscures the current vista, and it is an unnecessary distraction. It would add nothing of value to the area.

Name: Victoria Pellot
Date: May 27, 2026 2:56:08 pm

Hello,
I'm calling to comment on the construction of the new arch. During this economic time spending money on an arch to glorify the current resident of the White House is a waste of taxpayer dollars.

Also the dimensions of the arch will eclipse, the beautiful serene space that is the Arlington Cemetery. We do not need anything of that size entering into Arlington. And at this particular time with all of the other new construction in the city, this would cause more congestion.

These are my comments, thank you for listening

Name: Carol Simpson
Date: May 27, 2026 2:57:06 pm

The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House.

One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.

It is because this viewshed carries so much meaning to the country that I have 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: Rosemarie Kaspersen
Date: May 27, 2026 2:59:37 pm

Please stop this arch project. Nothing of significance happened to warrant this monument.

Name: Gail Donovan
Date: May 27, 2026 3:00:15 pm

I have seen no compelling reason to change our capitol to suit the whim of a temporary resident. I am wholly against this ill- conceived, grotesque stain. Have a care with OUR property - don't turn us into the Bumpuses.

Name: Suzanne Poggio
Date: May 27, 2026 3:01:40 pm

We don't need an ugly arch. It would be so out of place with the surrounding area, destroying views. This country needs many things but we don't need an arch or a ballroom.

Name: Jill Burdo
Date: May 27, 2026 3:02:21 pm

I have serious concerns about the location, height, scale, and design of the proposed Triumphal Arch, the manner in which it interferes with existing commemorative works and fails to protect existing public uses and cultural resources.

The location of the proposed Arch, at Memorial Circle, will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscape vistas in Washington, DC, the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed with a low profile to respect the visual and symbolic vistas connecting the National Mall and National Cemetery. If constructed as planned at the proposed location, the new Triumphal Arch will obscure the intentional axial and aesthetic relationships between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House.

The Triumphal Arch will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House. The proposed Arch would be double the size of the Lincoln Memorial and would risk disrespecting this powerful and beloved monument. As such, the Triumphal Arch is inconsistent with the McMillan Plan and subsequent planning decisions that have stewarded the National Mall as a unified composition characterized by long, open, and uninterrupted viewsheds, with a clear hierarchy of monumental elements, that culminates at its western end at the Lincoln Memorial.

The proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery. The hallowed resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families, Arlington National Cemetery is a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice, selfless service, and national unity, all within sight of the monumental core of the Nation's Capital. Distinguished by the Tomb of the Unknowns, Memorial Avenue, and rolling hillsides of uniform rows of simple headstones, Arlington National Cemetery is a living memorial that honors thirty funeral services each day. The Arch, as proposed, would dominate Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers.

This project should be shelved for the time being for many reasons. It is not the right project to dwarf so many monuments that have already been erected in the greatness and remembrance in our country's past.

Name: Janet Thompson
Date: May 27, 2026 3:04:27 pm

I do not support the project of building an Arch in Washington DC. During this economically challenging time, this money should be used to support people instead of glorifying a racist agenda. I prefer the balance between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington, and the Lee plantation as it is. Thank you for considering my view.

Name: Nancy Cuffman
Date: May 27, 2026 3:04:31 pm

I am appalled to see these eyesore structures that the current administration has decided to waste taxpayer money on. Please keep Washington DC beautiful without the added gaudy structures with no purpose. The reflection pool that no longer reflects, the East Wing, the ballroom are an abomination to the country.

Thank you and please consider wisely

Nancy Cuffman
Palm Springs, California

Name: Lydia Lutt
Date: May 27, 2026 3:07:41 pm

This proposed project is a disgrace.

Name: Karen Cole
Date: May 27, 2026 3:11:23 pm

I am the daughter of a Major of Marines and I laid my Dad to rest in Arlington three years ago. I have a long history with Washington DC and Arlington and am greatly saddened by the destruction of many historical and beloved landmarks at the hands of the current occupant of the White House. Not only have these vanity projects literally bulldozed the sites, they have shattered any pretense of fiscal responsibility by this administration. This arch is particularly obnoxious in that it would impart a Las Vegas style eyesore involving the sacred grounds of Arlington. Additionally, when asked who the arch was for, he replied "For me!". The thought of the person who has said Arlington is full of "suckers and losers" plundering whatever is left of our budget to create this monstrosity to self-aggrandizement is nauseatingly disrespectful. Please do not allow this travesty to be built.

Name: Samantha Tower
Date: May 27, 2026 3:11:33 pm

This Arch will obstruct the natural flow of existing monuments in a deliberately destructive way. Our country is in dire need of many things - universal healthcare, support for our aging population, relief from inflation - and an ugly Arch that will disrupt the flow of the capital should not be a priority where our tax dollars are concerned.

Name: Amy York
Date: May 27, 2026 3:13:34 pm

I write in opposition to the plans for the Trumphal Arch at the Memorial Bridge. From years of teaching first-graders, I know the excitement that comes with learning US symbols... flags, eagles, the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial. A triumphal arch in that location doesn't make sense,,and that symbol of domination and opulence isn't necessary. Aren't the graves and Lincoln a truer testament to what the US means? Respectfully submitted.

Name: Denise Kirchner
Date: May 27, 2026 3:14:55 pm

This arch would be a travesty and would disrupt a carefully planned vista. It is in terrible taste.

Name: Jessie Clark
Date: May 27, 2026 3:15:01 pm

I am against the building of the trump arch between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery. The symbolism of those two historic places will be completely lost by obscuring them from each other's view. This is a horrific idea and one completely counter to what Trump's stated goal of advancing the history of the USA. Plus the US can not afford to do this right now as we are trillions of dollars in debt.

Name: Ann Dixon
Date: May 27, 2026 3:15:22 pm

The proposed arch is a desecration to the city and the historical significance of the view to Arlington. Why are you wasting taxpayer money on this boondoggle that will be taken down after this administration is over?

Name: Ronni Krasnow
Date: May 27, 2026 3:16:41 pm

This is another absolutely disgusting and wasteful vanity project!! Please help stop it, especially as it obstructs the view of Arlington, which is sacred to so many. NOTHING is sacred to Trump. He's turning our capital into a trashy, ugly city. If we cannot afford people's healthcare, we cannot afford Trump's monument to himself.

PLEASE STOP HIM

Name: Frances Coose
Date: May 27, 2026 3:17:15 pm

NO Arch. Period.

The proposed arch is tOOOOOOOO big and looks obscene on these sacred grounds.

A complete waste of taxpayer \$\$\$\$.

JUST SAY NO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Name: Virginia Bader
Date: May 27, 2026 3:21:28 pm

Have we not learned enough about wasting tax payer dollars on vanity projects for one single American?

Please. Stop this abhorrent misuse of the office of the Presidency.

The citizens of the Commonwealth, the nation and the world are watching us dismantle all that is honorable about The United States of America. We need to stand up and say no before another hammer falls.

Name: Scott Sipler
Date: May 27, 2026 3:22:38 pm

This is as ridiculous as it is unprecedented. Do not build this arch.

Name: Tom Wahl
Date: May 27, 2026 3:22:59 pm

Please do not approve the New Monumental Arch. It obscures the solemn view of Arlington Cemetery. It is nothing more than a vanity project. It does not belong.

Name: Nancy Matheny
Date: May 27, 2026 3:23:42 pm

The proposed new Monumental Arch interferes with this historic and sacred space, does not reflect American values, and will cost a boatload of money that can be put to better use.

Name: sara holtz
Date: May 27, 2026 3:27:14 pm

Do not build the arch. It's a monstrosity and waste of taxpayer money. It ruins the view. No one wants this arch

Name: Amy Dagnall
Date: May 27, 2026 3:27:35 pm

It breaks my heart that a large arch, with no significance to our country will change the view of so many meaningful memorials and sights.

My nephew is buried at Arlington National Cemetery and someday my Retired Naval Officer and myself will be there, too.

The bridge will be overshadowed as will the house on the hill of the Cemetery.

In the other direction the oversized arch will block the stunning view coming across the bridge.

It makes no sense that one person can make these decisions without expert insight and observations of the effects on the rest of iconic city views as well as the historic preservation approval. Please do not let this be built.

Name: Holly Perry
Date: May 27, 2026 3:27:38 pm

I am opposed to the addition of a vanity project arch which destroys the sight lines of the mall and the view towards Arlington Cemetery. Such major changes to the traditional landscape and its concomitant impact on surrounding buildings and open space need to be approved by a nonpartisan committee or by Congress or by both. It should not be left to a single individual to alter public spaces for legacy or aggrandizement purposes.

Name: Margaret Bostrom
Date: May 27, 2026 3:30:16 pm

I lived in northern VA and DC for nearly 3 decades. I can't count the number of times I was at the location of the proposed arch. The current view is awe-inspiring, not just visually but also the history and meaning.

Please do not build this proposed monstrosity.

Name: James Shaw
Date: May 27, 2026 3:30:25 pm

This arch proposal is an obscene miscarriage of presidential authority. It must be stopped!

Name: Toni Brooks
Date: May 27, 2026 3:33:49 pm

I find it deeply frustrating that money is being spent on building a gold arch in Washington when so many citizens are struggling with basic needs. At a time when people are dealing with high housing costs, food insecurity, medical bills, homelessness, and underfunded community services, public money should be directed toward helping the people — not creating flashy monuments.

Leadership should be measured by how well it takes care of its citizens, not by how much gold it can put on display.

Name: Kathlynn M Altmann
Date: May 27, 2026 3:37:56 pm

Please stop the madness. Why does Mr. Trump think he can do whatever he pleases without congressional approval? This is sacred ground. The arch is just another piece of property made by himself to honor himself. This is not right. How do we all just stand by and watch this happen? Please honor our veterans by not allowing this arch to be built.

Name: Jennifer Morris
Date: May 27, 2026 3:38:20 pm

Do not allow this structure to be built. Changes to the historical monuments/ settings should not be allowed at the whim of the president. It's important to maintain the vision of those who created it. It's too late for the East Wing and reflecting pool. Please stop him.

Name: Laura London
Date: May 27, 2026 3:38:42 pm

I no longer have faith that the Will of the People matters to this administration (ie that stupid tax-payer funded ballroom), but I strongly oppose the Arch and its location. It's simply disrespectful. We don't need an Arch. We certainly don't need to frame Confederate gravesites.

Name: Lynette Doe
Date: May 27, 2026 3:38:58 pm

I OPPOSE TRUMP'S grotesque arch. It is an architectural eye sore that impedes the view of Arlington cemetery from the Lincoln memorial. It also would also be a disturbing, continual reminder of how a corrupt con man consumed with a bad case of megalomania sought to give himself a monument to his own ego. NO TAXPAYER MONEY FOR THIS!

Name: Kari Medina
Date: May 27, 2026 3:39:13 pm

This is a vanity project with no architectural merit. It will disrupt the visual lines of the area, and dominate in an artistically offensive way, everything around it. It is an enormous proposed waste of money for something that isn't even relevant to our history. Please reject it. If you want to build something, hire real landscape architects and artists who have the vision and courage to dream up something wonderful and build something beautiful and meaningful that works in harmony with everything around it and speaks to a noble cause. This giant arch is simply a monstrosity concocted to assuage an leaders ego and communicate power.

Name: Karen Bartos
Date: May 27, 2026 3:45:19 pm

I DO NOT WANT THIS ARCH! It is a waste of my tax dollars. Stop it, please!

Name: Margaret (Peggy) Russo
Date: May 27, 2026 3:47:07 pm

Regarding the proposed Monumental Arch at the Arlington Cemetery Traffic Circle:

I have lived in Northern Virginia for the last 40 years. My family and I have attended numerous burial services for friends and family at Arlington Cemetery over the years. My dad served in WWII and both of my parents are interred there, so I am distressed at the idea of the addition of a Monumental Arch on the traffic circle leading to Arlington Cemetery. There is no need for something that large to be constructed in that area. The drive into the cemetery is simple, solemn, and respectful, and prepares visitors for the grounds they are about to enter. The sheer size of the proposed arch would cause it to obscure the gate to Arlington Cemetery, and the amount of tourist traffic just to view the arch could add to the already congested traffic circle. There are 20-30 burial services per day on the cemetery grounds, in addition to the already heavy commuter and tourist traffic in that area. The traffic circle at Memorial Bridge, continuously busy, requires focus to navigate the already large number of vehicles passing through there, to and from D.C. The approach from the George Washington Parkway runs along the Potomac River, with a view of the Lincoln Memorial, Memorial Bridge, and in spring, the beautiful cherry blossom trees are visible across the river. This arch, because of its proposed scale, location, and design would become the main attraction, and thus detract from the historic and serene entry into Arlington Cemetery, as well as from Memorial Bridge and the Lincoln Memorial. Why would it need to be erected there? Arlington Cemetery should remain the focus; a Monumental Arch should not be the focus there. Put it somewhere else, please.

Name: Gail Roberts
Date: May 27, 2026 3:47:57 pm

This archive as well as other destructions of our nation's monuments, is a travesty. To allow the destruction is a slap in the face to all who served and all those who died and all of us who love this Country.

Name: Neil Bergal
Date: May 27, 2026 3:49:29 pm

I am a retired Gulf War Veteran. I have been to Washington DC many times in the last 50 years. I have seen the road from both ends which lead to the Arch project. This is a very disturbing project. I object very strongly. The view from and to Arlington National Cemetery was planned as to be an uninterrupted line of sight. An honor to the fallen. So we never forget the cost. This Arch has all the earmarking of a vanity project for the president. Again, I say I object to this project.

Name: Carol O'Neill
Date: May 27, 2026 3:51:24 pm

Hello,

I respectfully submit that I find this arch to be an atrocious addition to the historical and deeply valued monument landscape. It serves no purpose other than to continue the egotistic endeavors of the current president. Washington, D.C. is not supposed to be a golden, gilded, casino-like destination; rather one that preserves history.

Name: Emily Brandt
Date: May 27, 2026 3:53:11 pm

President Thump is abusing his power. The Antiquities Act of 1906 was for historical protections, and no other American president has commissioned a monument of themselves while in office. It's just a bad look for us, it makes our country seem like North Korea. Funds should not be allocated for such a ridiculous "eye sore" when there's REAL problems that could be solved with that kind of money. We need to do better.

Name: Amy Weisberger
Date: May 27, 2026 3:53:27 pm

Please do not degrade the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery by building this grotesque arch!!

Name: Janet Galena
Date: May 27, 2026 3:56:23 pm

I am opposed to the construction of a monumental arch. Our tax dollars should be used for reducing the deficit, universal health care, addressing homelessness, and numerous other serious issues facing our country. A frivolous arch is neither needed nor wanted.

Name: Sarah Catlett
Date: May 27, 2026 3:58:24 pm

The planning and placement of structures in Washington is purposeful by honoring and teaching about our history. Building the monstrosity of the "Monumental Arch" is nothing more than a literal monument to one man's ego and has no place in the tradition of our nation's capitol. Under no circumstances should our tax dollars be spent for this vanity project. Please do not allow this project to move forward.

Name: Linda Nelsen
Date: May 27, 2026 3:59:02 pm

I oppose any further planning or development of the new monumental arch. The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House.

This one of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.

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.

Changes to significant architecture and landscapes require careful consideration and planning with input from citizens, planners, historians and others. As proposed, this project destroys important and symbolic vistas in Washington DC.

Name: Andrew Reynolds
Date: May 27, 2026 3:59:46 pm

To whom it may concern,

The proposed 'commemorative arch' does nothing to mark America's founding, nor does it foster any aspect of our nations many accomplishments. It does nothing beyond satisfying Donald Trump's desire to commemorate and glorify himself. Do not allow it's construction. Do not allow the further desecration of DC for the sake of satisfying one man's ego.

Sincerely

Andrew Reynolds

Name: Julia Vollandf
Date: May 27, 2026 4:05:10 pm

NO! to the Monumental Arch. NO FUNDING! Julia Voland

Name: Phyllis LeRoy
Date: May 27, 2026 4:09:41 pm

As a constituent of the United States, I think that there are many and better ways to save the taxpayers dollars then an arch it's not necessary thank you!

Name: Judy Pfeiffer
Date: May 27, 2026 4:09:42 pm

The arch would be an oversized, poorly placed, degradation of our formerly beautiful capital. Please stop it now before we have to spend money later to tear it down to restore dignity to the capital.

Name: Cleo Haler
Date: May 27, 2026 4:10:55 pm

I object to this "New Monumental Arch". It is not necessary to have a Monumental Arch to honor Trump, to be paid for by U.S Citizens. I pay taxes, Trump does not. If he wants an arch, he should put it on one of his golf courses and pay for it himself.

Name: Rebecca Kendall
Date: May 27, 2026 4:10:56 pm

I urgently request that you disallow the planned large arch near the Arlington Bridge. The enormous size and position will obscure the historically important view between Arlington Cemetery, Arlington House and the Lincoln Memorial. Our Capital City was carefully designed to provide focus on historic sights and I am totally opposed to changes driven by one person. His ideas should not take precedence above those from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and citizens like me.

Name: Laura Georgi
Date: May 27, 2026 4:11:08 pm

No to Trump's Arch. This is a stupid waste of taxpayers' money and would detract from the existing monuments. The arch is totally the wrong aesthetic for a democratic republic. Anyhow, what triumph does it celebrate? Losing to Iran? Destroying the very things that make us great, like our constitution, the rule of law, our universities and scientific research enterprise, our diversity?

Name: Judy Ulrich
Date: May 27, 2026 4:11:59 pm

Please do not let this be built. I've been to Washington D. C. Many times and recognized the importance of a clear and open view toward Arlington Cemetery. Also, the arch will be the biggest in the world. Big does not make something beautiful.

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Name: Emily Novakowski
Date: May 27, 2026 4:13:01 pm

We definitely don't need an arch to honor a president who is a convicted felon. It is disgraceful especially leading into an honorable place like Arlington National Cemetery. It dishonors all those that sacrificed their lives for our country. I am appalled that anything like this would even be considered.

Emily Novakowski Pittston, PA

Name: Maria Lichter
Date: May 27, 2026 4:13:58 pm

This arch would diminish the significance of Arlington Cemetery and detract from the area's beauty. In simpler terms, it's absurd. Thank you.

Name: Ann Silberlicht
Date: May 27, 2026 4:14:47 pm

I am commenting on the proposal by the Executive Office of the President and the U.S. Department of the Interior to construct a new Triumphal Arch at Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Under the Commemorative Works Act such works should "not interfere with, or encroach on, an existing commemorative work," and "to the maximum extent practicable, it protects open space, existing public use, and cultural and natural resources." 40 U.S.C. § 8905(b)(2). Furthermore this project has not been approved by Congress.

I am concerned about the location, height, scale, and design of the proposed Triumphal Arch. It interferes with existing commemorative works and fails to protect existing public uses and cultural resources. The 68-foot-high sculpture at the top of the proposed Arch has not been removed or reduced, contrary to the Commissioners' recommendation.

The location of the proposed Arch, at Memorial Circle, will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. If constructed as planned at the proposed location, the new Triumphal Arch will obscure the intentional aesthetic relationships between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House.

I am concerned about the unprecedented height and scale of the proposed Triumphal Arch, which will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House. The proposed Arch would be double the size of the Lincoln Memorial and would risk disrespecting this powerful and beloved monument. It will disrupt the hierarchy of monumental elements, that culminates at its western end at the Lincoln Memorial.

The Arch would be disrespectful to our fallen warriors and their families. The proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the

solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery. The Arch, as proposed, would dominate Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers.

Review of the proposal under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act has not yet been initiated. The statute mandates that the review process be completed “prior to” approval of the project. 54 U.S.C. § 306108. The proposed plans will be improved in response to the collaborative review and comments from the expert professional staff of the involved agencies, including the Commission’s own staff. I urge the Commission members to defer any decision in order to be informed by the Section 106 process.

Adding a new monument to our Capitol landscape should only be done after thorough consideration by the public, Congress, and experts, not at the whim of the ego of a current president.

Name: Nancy Pesti

Date: May 27, 2026 4:16:02 pm

The proposed Monumental Arch — the scale, location, and design — are totally wrong for the site. It’s aesthetically unappealing.

The Arch will dwarf the Lincoln Memorial and disrupt the long, open, and uninterrupted views, 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: Pamela Pramuka

Date: May 27, 2026 4:17:54 pm

NO ARCH! No! No! No! no! It's a hideous monument to a hideous person. No living president should have a garish, low-class display of grandiosity. Had this gone through proper channels I have no doubt that it would have been shut down. It's presence would deface our capital city and be a reminder of the most corrupt president and regime we've ever had. NO!

Name: Mary Worzala

Date: May 27, 2026 4:20:48 pm

I am completely opposed to the construction of the Monumental Arch. The Arch will tower over other monuments in the vicinity and obstruct the view of Arlington National Cemetery. Arlington Cemetery is hallowed ground, the burial place for our bravest citizens who gave their lives in service to our country. Washington DC has enough monuments and does not need to build this Arch. It is both costly and unnecessary.

Name: Eileen Nikopoulos

Date: May 27, 2026 4:21:28 pm

I am deeply concerned and against the construction of the new monument. First im against the unprecedented height and scale of the proposed Triumphal Arch, which will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House. The proposed Arch would be double the size of the Lincoln Memorial and would risk disrespecting this powerful and beloved monument. As such, the Triumphal Arch is inconsistent with the McMillan Plan and subsequent planning decisions that have stewarded the National Mall as a unified composition characterized by long, open, and uninterrupted viewsheds, with a clear hierarchy of monumental elements, that culminates at its western end at the Lincoln Memorial.

In addition, the proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery. The hallowed resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families, Arlington National Cemetery is a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice, selfless service, and national unity, all within sight of the monumental core of the Nation’s Capital. Distinguished by the Tomb of the Unknowns, Memorial Avenue, and rolling hillsides of uniform rows of simple headstones, Arlington National Cemetery is a living memorial that honors thirty funeral services each day. The Arch, as proposed, would dominate Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers.

Name: Ann Berger

Date: May 27, 2026 4:22:31 pm

This Arch will obstruct the view of Arlington. That alone is reason to reject it. We ALL know the reality of why this is being done - it’s another vanity project to feed the insatiable ego of one man. A man who has lied, cheated and stolen from the American people. Do not allow this to happen this way - fast and loose without going through the normal channels. How much is this going to cost us?? If the government doesn’t have money to feed its citizens it doesn’t have the \$\$ to put this ugly, gaudy, ill conceived arch up to glorify a truly vile human being. To those that claim otherwise say “quiet piggy!” to them!!!!

Name: Barbara Sampath

Date: May 27, 2026 4:25:21 pm

I am totally against building the Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway, near Arlington National Cemetery and along the Potomac River. The area has been already ruined by destruction of the White House east wing, the paving over of the rose garden grass, and starting building of an obscene unneeded ballroom . The Oval Office looks like the inside of a Hobby Lobby. Stop this nonsense. Do not build this ugly arch!

Name: Anita Cola

Date: May 27, 2026 4:27:47 pm

I am unilaterally against the construction of a huge arch to honor our president who has never been in the military. I feel that it is very Insulting and disrespectful to veterans who sacrificed so that we maintain a democracy. It is shameful that this project had even gotten this far. Additionally, the spending by this administration has been and continues to be astronomical. Stop the fiscal irresponsibility now!

Name: Barbara Carleton

Date: May 27, 2026 4:28:26 pm

In addition to disrupting the purposeful layout toward Arlington, it is a huge and expensive structure which is being imposed on the public by one person. As a member of the public I am shocked and disturbed major monument and construction to the nation's capitol was not announced or described in the campaign nor was it proposed and considered by Congress to satisfy our core values of 'representative democracy.' It will forever be known as a vanity structure like the dictators of Europe constructed -- not a beloved era of U.S. citizens.

Ideas like this out of the blue render concerns about national debt, federal spending as trivial instead of the gross irresponsibility it is.

I'll change my mind only if Congress votes for it and majority passes it.

Name: Dennis Cialini
Date: May 27, 2026 4:32:00 pm

I believe that Trump's arch is a waste of tax payer money.
It will be an eyesore as well as blocking our view existing National Monuments.
Use the money for something useful such as funding healthcare for those in need or Veterans.

Thank you,
Dennis P. Cialini

Name: Rodney Strom
Date: May 27, 2026 4:32:32 pm

This project is an oversized monument to nothing and will only be a detriment to Washington DC and the country. It represents unbridled power, greed and ego and belittles the REAL memorials and monuments nearby like the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. Please do everything in your power to deny the construction of the Monumental Arch. Present and future Americans will thank you for it.

Name: Caroline Hack
Date: May 27, 2026 4:34:53 pm

I do not support this arch. The fact that it is even being considered is outrageous. It will dishonor those buried at Arlington. It will be an eyesore, which will need to be removed once this corrupt administration is removed from office. There is no reason for it to be built and it will just detract from the beauty of our nation.

Name: Perry C Lyons
Date: May 27, 2026 4:35:03 pm

Hello all. I wish to have my thoughts recorded as a Negative vote on this arch. It will ruin most all of the beautiful sights around the mall with its unsightly gaudyness. THANK YOU!

Name: Karen Marler
Date: May 27, 2026 4:35:39 pm

I am vehemently opposed to building the national arch, mostly because I feel this monstrosity will take away the peaceful beauty of Arlington National Cemetery. We do not need an arch fighting with all the national treasures in that area. It will NOT add to the ambience of the area, but will detract from its tranquility. The focus of that area should be the cemetery and those who fought for our country; not a big ugly arch.

Name: maureen kenny
Date: May 27, 2026 4:38:40 pm

Washington DC is one of the most carefully planned cities in our country. The symmetry the vistas the beauty is because of clear site lines from one important area to another. Visiting Arlington National Cemetery is a sobering event and to see the Lincoln Memorial from General Lee's former property is such a historic moment for anyone visiting and of vice versa. There is absolutely no reason to mess with the significance of that view. The proposed arch is way too big and too self centered. Please do not allow this assault on history. Thank you

Name: Cathryn Newhouse
Date: May 27, 2026 4:39:53 pm

I strongly object to this. The size of the structure alone is outlandish. It disrupts the beauty & view of the area. It appears that the majority of the American public do not want this. It is reminiscent of structures that dictators or other world leaders have installed for their vanity. It is just simply hideous. And frankly, I do not want one cent my tax dollars to be spent on this monstrosity. The cost of that arch, like that of the ballroom, could go a long way to helping the American citizens, many of whom are in a world of hurt right now.

Name: Mary Osin
Date: May 27, 2026 4:40:49 pm

I just buried my husband at Arlington. It was a beautiful, meaningful experience. The presence of an overpowering arch would demean the deaths of the 700,000. Civil War veterans who died to keep the country together. I cannot fully express the fury with which every one I meet feel about this. However, a more modest design might be considered more acceptable.

Mary Sue Osin

Name: Karen Pestana
Date: May 27, 2026 4:42:43 pm

The proposed arch and its intention to honor our current president is an American insult to the history of our national capitol. The disruption to the serenity and wonder of the area is irresponsible. The view of Arlington and the Patriots interred there is unacceptable. The current administration has caused enough damage and disruption already. Please do not allow this project to continue.

Thank you for your time.

Name: Joan Morrissey Grace
Date: May 27, 2026 4:46:46 pm

This Arch should not be built. It will be an insult to the land where our fallen soldiers are laid to rest. The beautiful sightline from the gentle rolling hills to the Lincoln memorial will be blighted by this enormous unsightly stone embodiment of our narcissistic president.
Let us celebrate all that is historically important in our great nation's capital, without the eyesore of thi arch.
Thank you

Name: Karen Gugich
Date: May 27, 2026 4:46:46 pm

I am against the Arch project.

Name: Kathleen Thier
Date: May 27, 2026 4:48:19 pm

Please reject this proposal for the Arch as it undermines the original intent of the existing monuments and landscape of this area. It also appears that it is not following the guidelines and process that is in place for such a project.

Name: debra unverdruss
Date: May 27, 2026 4:50:23 pm

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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.

For all of the reasons above, please do not agree to the building of this arch.

Name: Mari Hannah
Date: May 27, 2026 4:51:51 pm

Where is the permission from Congress? This is my tax dollars going to a vanity project to appease Dear Leader. It is a complete disrespect to the soldiers buried in Arlington Cemetery as visitors will be able to see that monstrosity looming over the trees.
No. No. No.

Name: Melody Rose Morton
Date: May 27, 2026 4:54:28 pm

Please do not allow this arch to be constructed. It is a vanity project that will destroy the existing monuments site lines. It is a waste of taxpayer money and I oppose it.

Name: Judith Langham
Date: May 27, 2026 4:55:48 pm

I object to any construction that draws attention away from the beautiful entrance to the National Cemetery. This is a sacred and respected place of reflection not a “wow look at this” tourist attraction.
Please stop. Reserve those funds for the maintenance of our existing parks and memorials.

Name: Lisa Altenbach
Date: May 27, 2026 4:57:22 pm

The arch is costing the country millions and with no discernable benefit to the people. It will ruin the line of view of Arlington cemetery and diminish the Lincoln memorial. I do not want my tax dollars going to this.

Name: Karen Solheim
Date: May 27, 2026 4:57:25 pm

Here are three reasons the proposed arch should definitely not be built:

1. It would block famous views in Washington. A group of veterans and a historian have already sued in court to stop construction, arguing that the arch would block the view between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. At 250 feet tall — more than twice the height of the Lincoln Memorial — it would dramatically change the look of one of America's most treasured landscapes.
2. It copies a French monument instead of creating something original. The design looks very similar to the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, which is actually where Trump got the idea after visiting France in 2017. Using a bigger version of a French landmark as America's main symbol for its 250th birthday raises the question of whether the arch truly represents American identity — or is just a competition to out-do Paris.
3. Even architects who support the project think it's too big. The architect who had been working on Trump's proposed White House ballroom spoke out against the arch's height at a government review hearing, suggesting that the statues on top — which add 84 feet to the structure — should be removed. When designers working within the administration itself have doubts about the size, it suggests the project is more focused on making a big impression than on good design.
4. This is a needless expense at a time when crucial services are being cut from the federal budget. Instead of unnecessary spending on vanity projects in Washington DC, taxpayer money should restore support for medical insurance coverage, public radio and television, and education.

Name: Sheri Crotty
Date: May 27, 2026 4:58:20 pm

This planned monstrosity obscuring the Arlington is disrespectful and the OPPOSITE of what our country stands for. First of all, nothing should be taller or bigger than any other national monument, and obscuring our the place where we honor those who fought for our freedom is heartbreakingly rude. PLEASE, DO NOT construct such a thing anywhere in our nation's city!!

Name: Nan Thaler
Date: May 27, 2026 4:58:53 pm

The location, scale, and, design of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. In addition, the Arch will dwarf the Lincoln Memorial and disrupt the long, open, and uninterrupted viewsheds, overwhelming the entry to Arlington National Cemetery. In addition, it appears inappropriate to construct a monument to a living president who has not finished his term. A vanity project such as this sets a bad precedent for use of public monies.

Name: Linda Johnson
Date: May 27, 2026 4:59:17 pm

Don't build it at all! This is another monumental ego project from Donald Trump, who appreciates nothing about history or even aesthetics. Stop him now!

Name: Joan Magnuson
Date: May 27, 2026 4:59:22 pm

I am opposed to the gaudy and disgusting Monumental Arch. This monumental eyesore will overshadow Arlington National Cemetery and the monuments to good presidents, who actually did positive things for our country. Our current president is using the office to enrich himself and his family, while making life monumentally more difficult for average Americans. The only monument to him should be a urinal on his gravestone.

Name: Ann Boulden
Date: May 27, 2026 4:59:30 pm

I am writing to oppose the construction of a monumental arch between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery. The purpose of the arch is unclear. It appears to be the aggrandizement of a living President and that is not acceptable in America. The design of the arch is terrible. It is far too large. It will block the view from Arlington and diminish it. This is America. Triumphal arches are not part of our culture. We are not Paris or Berlin or Rome. The administration has not consulted the people. Please don't do this.

Name: Cynthia Rutledge
Date: May 27, 2026 4:59:56 pm

The proposed arch at memorial circle is inappropriate. It is not in keeping with the historical purpose and dedication of the area. It is not in scale with the purpose of the circle and would actually impact existing monuments and memorials negatively. It has also not been reviewed or passed by Congress. it is a waste of money for a personal vanity project, which will not benefit American citizens.

Name: Susan Loch
Date: May 27, 2026 5:00:08 pm

I would like to register my strong opposition to the large arch proposed to be on the traffic circle in front of Arlington Cemetery. It is unnecessary, out of place and ridiculously expensive in a time when other basic citizen needs are being cut.

The arch will destroy the view from and into the Cemetery. It's an eyesore. It will disrupt traffic. its design is gaudy and looks like something that would be built in the 1800's, not in 2026.
Thank you for your consideration.

Susan Koch

Name: Kathy Anderson
Date: May 27, 2026 5:00:15 pm

I am imploring you to scrap the idea of this disrespectful arch! It will impede the view of Arlington National Cemetery & all that it stands for! It is just another thing Trump wants to stamp his name on. This arch is a travesty & a dishonor to those buried at Arlington.

Name: Mary Lee
Date: May 27, 2026 5:03:49 pm

I am opposed to this project. I visited Washington DC in 2011 with a group of WWII veterans including my father. It was an Honor Flight to honor their service. We visited the World War II memorial, the Korean War memorial, and many other places on our single-day visit. I was privileged and proud to join those veterans.

Our final stop of that day was Arlington. I still feel overwhelmed when I remember all of those headstones, going on for what seemed like forever. Imagining all of those lives of service. This arch is ugly, obtrusive and unnecessary. It is a dishonor to all who have served and their families. It should be rejected immediately.

Name: Cathy Weiss
Date: May 27, 2026 5:06:17 pm

We do not need or want the arch! Waste of our tax dollars!

Name: Margaret Wierzbicki
Date: May 27, 2026 5:07:11 pm

I share as a citizen all of the concerns and do not understand the need for this overly large arch that will disrupt the beauty of the historic monuments that are already there.

Name: Dorothy Wiggins
Date: May 27, 2026 5:08:09 pm

At this time of high inflation, I feel adding a new monument to a living president is a waste of taxpayer dollars. Most monuments are erected posthumously to honor superior meritorious achievements or bravery in service to the American citizenry. Neither is the case yet proven for Donald Trump. Rather than spend money to honor his unproven service, his abuses of our present memorials, including the White House, Reflecting pool, Kennedy Center should be restored. Further destruction of property of the public or National Park service must not be permitted. In fact, fines should be imposed upon Donald Trump personally to restore property he has destroyed or defaced in Washington DC.

Name: NANCY Chatteinier
Date: May 27, 2026 5:08:21 pm

Mr. Rodney Mims Cook, Jr., Chair
U.S. Commission of Fine Arts
401 F Street, NW, Suite 312
Washington, DC 20001
Re: CFA 21/MAY/26-1
Memorial Circle, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Washington, DC.
New Monumental Arch. Revised Concept.

Dear Mr. Cook:

The location of the proposed Arch, at Memorial Circle, will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscape vistas in Washington, DC, the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed with a low profile to respect the visual and symbolic vistas connecting the National Mall and National Cemetery.

I am deeply concerned about the unprecedented height and scale of the proposed Triumphal Arch, which will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House. The proposed Arch would be double the size of the Lincoln Memorial and would risk disrespecting this powerful and beloved monument.

In addition, the proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery. The hallowed resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families, Arlington National Cemetery is a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice, selfless service, and national unity, all within sight of the monumental core of the Nation's Capital. Distinguished by the Tomb of the Unknowns, Memorial Avenue, and rolling hillsides of uniform rows of simple headstones, Arlington National Cemetery is a living memorial that honors thirty funeral services each day. The Arch, as proposed, would dominate Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers.

This disrespectful monument is a disgrace and slap on the face to our veterans and their families. I respectfully request this project be shut down.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Nancy Chatteinier, PhD


Name: Amy White
Date: May 27, 2026 5:10:13 pm

This comment is to State my objection to the proposed triumphal Arch which will block views of Arlington national cemetery from Washington DC. The views of Arlington are planned to always remind our leaders of the consequences of their actions regarding our military. Blocking them with this neo-Nazi edifice to glorify one person is obscene. Let Arlington remain ever visible in our nation's capital so we remember the sacrifice of the thousands who lie there. Signed, a former military wife who trailed around the world after her spouse. Amy I White.

Name: Mary Ranta
Date: May 27, 2026 5:13:29 pm

I am appalled at the prospect that the Monumental Arch construction would be approved. The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.

Please don't allow the desecration of this important landscape.

Name: Megan Kirin
Date: May 27, 2026 5:14:13 pm

I strongly oppose the Arch project. Public spaces and memorial grounds should serve the broader public interest, not be used to elevate or commemorate a sitting political figure. Establishing what is effectively a personal monument under these circumstances raises serious concerns about the appropriate use of power and public resources.

This proposal is especially troubling given its impact on existing and future memorials. Spaces intended to honor fallen service members and other national heroes carry deep meaning for many Americans. Any action that would limit, overshadow, or displace those tributes undermines the purpose of such sites and disrespects those they are meant to honor.

Government decisions about public land and monuments should be guided by principles of fairness, historical perspective, and broad consensus—not personal legacy-building. I urge decision-makers to reject this proposal and prioritize projects that genuinely serve the public and preserve the integrity of our shared spaces.

Name: Mary Stark
Date: May 27, 2026 5:14:21 pm

I do NOT support the proposed monumental arch. There should be no monuments to living presidents. There should be nothing to impede the view of Arlington National Cemetery and the heroes buried there. Please STOP this project.

Name: Kelly Taylor
Date: May 27, 2026 5:14:47 pm

The idea of the arch is not a bad one, but the proposed size is too large. It will look silly. Please cut the size down to be proportional with surrounding structures so it doesn't look ridiculous, or kindly scrap the project.

Name: Bill Doerner
Date: May 27, 2026 5:17:09 pm

Having family buried in Arlington National Cemetery I have visited many times. I feel that this proposed arch is a inappropriate, unnecessary and disruptive addition to the grand view from the cemetery across the river to DC. This is simply another inappropriate act by a uncontrolled narcissist who has already done considerable damage to the the historical and cultural sites of Washington DC, including the White House, the Kennedy Center and who knows how many other more minor locations.

i would like my opinion known that i am opposed to the construction of the "Monumental Arch".

Name: Mary Bullard
Date: May 27, 2026 5:17:17 pm

I am a Canadian born US citizen-retired librarian/teacher who has enjoyed leading students to DC, attending Book Festivals, and workshops at Library of Congress. The monument of Lincoln, the reflecting pool, and Arlington Cemetery: These historic monuments are a visual history not just of our past but how we have solved problems and come together. Vanity projects have NO place in DC... it is space that belongs to ALL of the nation. No Arch, no Ballroom, no painted blue reflecting pool. And beyond the arch...no images of our current leader hanging on buildings.

Name: Susan Fuller
Date: May 27, 2026 5:20:24 pm

To who it may concern:

This enormous arch interrupts the views that were designed with actual history in mind. This arch is not what I or other Americans want to spend their tax money on. It is designed to make our current president happy. He could build an arch on his Florida property. This arch does not improve the area, it degrades it. Please take my comments into consideration and deny this temporary occupant of the White House permission to ignore the original intent of the area, which was designed after the Civil War and had such solemn intent.
Thank you,
Susan Fuller

Name: Russell Bonanno
Date: May 27, 2026 5:20:29 pm

Please see attached document.

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Name: Kimberly Geno
Date: May 27, 2026 5:21:56 pm

As a veteran of 30 years with two overseas deployments for Iraqi Freedom I am absolutely appalled that any president should want to disrupt what was a deliberately designed tribute in our nation's capital. These constant projects to fit one man's idea of splendor are not representing the needs or desires of the general public. This is the United States of America - we don't need to copy every monument and parade that other nations have to be great. Our greatness came from our unity and strength. Maybe the powers in Washington should get back to that and spend money improving quality of life in the United States for ALL citizens. I'd thank all politicians for their attention to this matter!

Name: Laura Ray
Date: May 27, 2026 5:23:05 pm

I wish to express my personal disapproval of this proposed arch at Arlington National Cemetery.

It does not meet the restrictions for any monument in this location. I did not see congressional approval.
Also we do not put up monuments to people who are still alive ,as well as any person who did not serve in our military and serve active duty.

Please do not allow an arch in this sacred location. It is so distasteful and disrespectful to the people bury there.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Laura Ray

Name: Martha Troisi
Date: May 27, 2026 5:26:29 pm

I would have no problem considering an additional monument to this area if it were not such a vanity project. The American people did not ask for this to be built. The view is important. The arch should not be allowed.

Name: Melanie Lesswing
Date: May 27, 2026 5:26:31 pm

I am against this proposed arch. It is very large; too large for the space and what is the purpose of this? When we look around Washington D.C., we see monuments to our founding fathers, fallen soldiers and the buildings are resplendent with symbolism. This arch is a vanity project. It has no meaning other than to appease the president. Please do not let a person who is here for the moment dictate what our country try and our capital is to and for the rest of us. We have departments and a process for proposing these things, and those need to be followed.
Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Name: Carol Lautenbach
Date: May 27, 2026 5:27:32 pm

A tribute to what we don't stand for is ludicrous. The proposed arch is an architectural relic from days of colonization. America needs to look forward to a better future for all, not backward to an unjust and cruel time. A monument to triumph would look like allocating resources to improve lives, health, education, and justice. That's what those who fund what we would call the triumphs of the US want. Our money now is going to tragedies instead.

No arch. Not now, not ever.

Name: Jill Barrows
Date: May 27, 2026 5:28:26 pm

I strongly feel that the size, design, location and purpose of this monumental arch will totally overwhelm what could now be viewed as a sacred space, a symbolic landscape dedicated to honor and remembrance (especially relative to Arlington National Cemetery). It appears the Lincoln Memorial would be dwarfed and an entire area of thoughtful design and symbolism will be lost.

Name: Teresa Taylor
Date: May 27, 2026 5:28:34 pm

This arch is a travesty and has no place in our nation's capitol. Trump has done absolutely nothing to make this country better for anyone but his billionaire friends and his family. Americans are worse off now than in any time in recent history with rising prices, millions losing healthcare and access to food, democracy and basic rights in peril and so much more. This arch is a colossal waste of money and blocks the view of Arlington National cemetery. Trump wants to build this as a monument to himself and no one else. He has no concept of honor, and should not be able to destroy historical buildings or build monuments that no one approved of.

Name: Joel Kershner
Date: May 27, 2026 5:28:46 pm

I strongly object to the monumental arch that has been proposed for the following reasons:
The location of the proposed Arch, at Memorial Circle, would interrupt the relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington National Cemetery. It would actually block much of the view of the Lincoln Memorial. The home of the general who led the secession of the Confederate state should not be a focal point of such a monumental arch and obscure the view of the Lincoln Memorial.
This vista is one of the most symbolic landscape vistas in Washington, DC, and was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation between the northern states and the southern states. Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed with a low profile to respect the visual and symbolic vistas connecting the National Mall and Arlington National Cemetery. The Arch would look upon the Arlington House, which was the home of Confederate general Robert E. Lee.
Moreover, the size of the arch is disproportionate in scale to many other monuments and buildings which have stood in the capital for decades.

Name: Denise Urban
Date: May 27, 2026 5:30:56 pm

Having visited DC numerous times and having spent time at both Arlington National Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial, placing a giant monument in between those locations is offensive to those interred there and is ignorant of the intentional design of that space and DC overall. The Civil War was a crucial inflection point in our history. The intent behind the site lines is to help us remember the challenging path of our history and the challenges ahead. It also puts first and foremost the sacrifice of our military to protect our freedoms in front of visitors and residents with uninterrupted site lines from the bustling activity in DC proper. When compared with the intent of other significant markers in DC, this feels like a self promotion with little recognition of the significance of the surrounding areas I also question the appropriateness of spending tax dollars on anything of this nature when people can't access food, housing or healthcare.

Name: Ruth Stoeckel
Date: May 27, 2026 5:31:18 pm

The size and location of this arch is a travesty, both because of its size and how the president wishes to make it part of his legacy, in contrast to the carefully considered legacy of those who have gone before him. Our monuments should NOT be about self-aggrandizement, and should be carefully considered to honor the historical context of how that area has been developed. Shame on anyone who thinks this is a good idea.

Name: Peggy Schaff
Date: May 27, 2026 5:33:39 pm

Please do not put up this monument in the proposed area. This is not the place for the arch. It will take away all the views that are currently there. Find another spot for it where it doesn't distract from the other monuments.

Name: Jenele Myers
Date: May 27, 2026 5:35:19 pm

Good evening,
I cannot possibly express my disgust for this planned "arch" loudly, emphatically or often enough. It's no secret that this president ONLY thinks of himself, but this hideous structure is so out of place, it's almost laughable.
The "before" and "after" photos of this location are so shocking, I actually had to catch my breath. I was born long after WWII but from my history lessons, all I see is flashes of Nazi "art" when that arch appears in the "after" photo. The fact that it blocks out the view of the historical burial ground of fallen soldiers is the insulting icing on the gaudy, tacky cake.
Please, for the love of God and country, make this ludicrous atrocity go away.

Name: Kathleen McKinley
Date: May 27, 2026 5:35:51 pm

I am appalled and disgusted that President Trump is planning to build an arch in honor of himself in front of the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. It will obscure the current view that one has of that sacred place where so many of our nations veterans are buried. I strongly object to building this monument to a president who has done nothing but cause harm to our country and it's people.

Name: Heather McMahon
Date: May 27, 2026 5:36:41 pm

As an architectural historian, I am well versed in the history of previous attempts to monumentalize Washington, DC as the seat of the nation's capital, from Pierre L'Enfant's Baroque master-plan that laid out grand avenues and rond-ponts for the express purpose of holding national memorials to the McMillan Commission's 1902 revision of L'Enfant's Mall as a collection of monumental edifices and objects. DC is a city for memorialization, I do not deny that. I also support erecting something to commemorate the U.S. Semiquincentennial, marking the 250th anniversary of the country.

However, as a historic preservationist, I have concerns that this proposed structure would overshadow the 99-foot-tall Lincoln Memorial as well as disrupt the historic views of Arlington House. That visual connection is symbolic and loaded with meaning; it should not be tampered with. To do so would be to make a political statement about race relations in this nation as well as the most devastating internal war we have ever experienced as a nation. Is that the intention of this site design proposal? As for the form, I also question whether a triumphal arch, which originated in imperial Rome and suggests the conquering of nations, is the correct form for a memorial that is supposed to celebrate 250 years of representative democracy. The quickness with which this project is being sped through the review process also undermines the very foundations of our democratic process.

I hope you will listen to and hear these comments and truly and sincerely incorporate them into your decision-making process.

Thank you,
Heather McMahon, Architectural Historian
heather-mcmahon.com


Name: Heather Stacy
Date: May 27, 2026 5:42:22 pm

I am strongly opposed to this blatant monument to one person. He is not a king nor a dictator. We do not erect "monuments" like this. This will be money completely wasted. I cant believe this is even a discussion. Millions of Americans are hurting financially right now and this is a slap in the face. Truly disgusting. I hope this project never moves forward.

Name: Jadranka Gerrety
Date: May 27, 2026 5:44:36 pm

This will be a wonderful and exciting addition to the nation's capital!

A powerful landmark to honor America's 250th anniversary with inspiring symbolism, and hopefully will bring a sense of pride, unity, and patriotism back to Washington DC and the whole country. In my opinion, it's a fitting tribute to the nation's enduring spirit and its 250 years of achievement as "One Nation Under God".

Name: s Leighton
Date: May 27, 2026 5:45:24 pm

The arch would frame Robert E. Lee's home, and would detract from other nearby historic sites. Hitler also wanted an arch.

Name: Rebecca Tackett
Date: May 27, 2026 5:47:36 pm

I object to the construction of a massive arch that will permanently alter the historic planned view shed that already exists. This is a narcissistic project by a narcissistic man to glorify only himself for the corruption and treasonous actions he is carrying out. There has been no Section 106 evaluation. There has been no consideration of alternative locations. There has only been the demands made by a delusional man determined to destroy not just the country he is supposed to be leading, but the very history of the country to appease his pathetic ego. This project should not be allowed to move forward and if it does, it will need to be removed and the area and the historic line of sight be restored.

Name: Janice Smith
Date: May 27, 2026 5:48:43 pm

I join many other Americans in protesting the building of this wasteful, ostentatious "memorial arch". At a time when America is even deeper in debt than it has ever been, and numerous projects have already been started, the planned arch is totally useless.

Our current president has forgotten that he is in essence a renter, not an owner. His emoluments and benefits do not include destroying, excavating, and slapping up his projects willy-nilly.

I cannot urge you strongly enough, so I implore you to do all that you can to deny this incredibly wasteful, tacky structure.

Sincerely,

Janice Smith

Name: MJ McKay
Date: May 27, 2026 5:48:49 pm

Good day. I am livid at the plan to build this garish arch in such a sacred space. It is so disrespectful of our fallen soldiers.

It also makes no sense to have it in the middle of a busy traffic circle. Any visitors would have to cross a very busy road to get there.

It is unfitting and unsafe all around.

Please focus on things that really matter to Americans, like the economy! The money dedicated to this garish arch would be better spent helping average Americans who really need the help.

Name: Ginger Randall
Date: May 27, 2026 5:49:00 pm

NO MORE VANITY PROJECTS FOR THIS PSYCHOTIC GRIFTER. THIS IS OUR COUNTRY--NOT HIS! HE SHOULD BE BEHIND BARS WITH THE REST OF HIS TRAITOROUS CABINET BUT INSTEAD THIS PATHETIC "LEADERSHIP" IS ALLOWING HIM TO STEAL OUR TAX MONEY FOR HIS AUTHORITARIAN GRAB AT OUR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

DISGUSTING.

Name: Lee Fasoli
Date: May 27, 2026 5:49:27 pm

Not one penny of public money should be spent on this ego trip. There is no reason whatsoever to build it!

Name: Tari Marshall
Date: May 27, 2026 6:02:53 pm

To Whom It May Concern,

I will get right to the point of my strong objections to this vanity project of the president, who said it was about "me." I object to taxpayer dollars being spent for this, or his other projects not authorized by Congress. This arch, in particular, is a massive waste of taxpayer dollars and has no purpose in serving the American people in any way. It would block the views of Arlington Cemetery, be an absolute eyesore and an embarrassment to the country. Please DO NOT approve this obvious misuse and abuse of taxpayer dollars!

Thank you.

Name: Karen Grimm
Date: May 27, 2026 6:06:18 pm

I am ashamed of this president and his fixation on his own grandiose, narcissistic needs. Please don't allow him to desecrate Arlington National Cemetery by installing this monstrosity, the Arch de Treason.

Name: Chuck Goodykoontz
Date: May 27, 2026 6:06:37 pm

I am OPPOSED to the grandiose monumental arch being placed in such close proximity to the Arlington National Cemetery. Please find a more appropriate location.

Name: Linda Bucher
Date: May 27, 2026 6:06:58 pm

This is simply another one of Trump's vanity projects, and it has no place in the landscape of Washington, D.C. It is out of scale with other buildings and memorials in the area. The enormous amount of money that would be consumed by building this arch would be much better spent by providing health care, affordable housing, and food to people who need it, however the current administration is completely lacking in empathy and cares nothing about anything except fulfilling their own desires. Construction of this arch MUST NOT be allowed. Someone needs to stand up to this evil administration.

Name: Renilda Marshall
Date: May 27, 2026 6:09:17 pm

To allow this monstrosity to move forward would be an abomination. It is too tall and too big and serves no purpose whatsoever. It obscures the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery and disrespects both it and the Lincoln Memorial. It's hugely expensive and will only serve to cheapen our other thoughtful memorials in Washington. PLEASE do not degrade our national history and pride with this vanity project. It is simply obscene.

Name: Paul Robertson
Date: May 27, 2026 6:09:37 pm

The proposed arch is a personal vanity project of the current president which has no business existing any place in the capital, much less blocking the view of Arlington Cemetery or overshadowing the Lincoln Memorial and other monuments that actually pay tribute and have historical meaning which support the values laid out in our Constitution. Quite the opposite, this is a waste of taxpayer money and rather enshrines the corruption of one man. We know from experience that he will definitely triple the costs, and his preferred bid winners will pocket millions along the way. Those are the inescapable consequences of allowing this monstrous and tacky arch to be built under this presidency. The people don't want it, the capital doesn't want it, only one man does. Kill this project.

Name: David Knaebel
Date: May 27, 2026 6:09:39 pm

Dear Sirs/Madams,

As a US citizen, I wish to submit my absolute rejection of the proposed monumental arch. The United States Capitol area is beautiful and wonderfully laid out, and such an arch will be an eyesore. It will represent gaudiness and poor taste. It will unfortunately required the wasteful spending of money that our country cannot afford to spend because of the incredible deficit that this president has created

I love the DC mall and surrounding area; I lived and worked as a national program leader for the US Department of agriculture, agricultural research service, and my wife and I and our family and friends often visited the mall area and visited the monuments. I also chaperoned my son's middle school trip to the capitol where we and his entire class visited several of the memorials there. It is also very inspiring; this arch will be again an eyesore, and an utter distraction from the wonder of the capitol / mall area.

Again, I reject this proposal and hope that you will decide the same - and support Americans who see the current capitol and mall design as inspired and inspiring.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David B Knaebel, PhD

Name: Robert Anderson

Date: May 27, 2026 6:10:15 pm

I strongly oppose this. It does not fit the aesthetic of the entrance to Arlington national Cemetery, which is sacred ground for our veterans.

Name: Richard Gould-Saltman

Date: May 27, 2026 6:12:37 pm

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to urge you to oppose the proposal for a Triumphal Arch at D.C.'s memorial Circle for several reasons. Washington, D.C. is an inspiring place with significant historically important memorials and vistas, centered on the National Mall. This project appears to be a personal vanity project of the president, not something that reflects any significant historical event (see 40 USCA § 8902(1)). It bears no logical relationship to the nation's semiquincentennial. The proposed height and location of the proposed arch would upset the carefully curated layout, including the views of the Lincoln Memorial, the Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House. In my opinion, it would also desecrate the solemnity of the Arlington Cemetery as a hallowed place of repose for those military members and their families.

I also point out that Section 106 requires that the proposal cannot be approved prior to completion of the review process mandated by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. See 54 U.S.C. §306108 and 36 CFR Part 800. To my knowledge, that review process has not even started, let alone been completed.

The Commemorative Works Act, 40 U.S.C. §§ 8901–8909, requires Congressional approval, see 40 U.S.C. § 8903, which has not occurred. The CWA requires that future commemorative works "reflect a consensus of the lasting national significance of the subjects involved." See 40 U.S.C. § 8901(4)(B). No such consensus has been shown, and indeed, there has been widespread expert and public opposition to the project.

The timing of the project does not comply with the waiting periods prescribed by the CWA, specifically 40 USCA § 8903(b) and (c): "10 years after the officially designated end of such war or conflict" for military commemorative works and "after the 25th anniversary of the event, death of the individual, or death of the last surviving member of the group" for works "commemorating an event, individual, or group of individuals."

The fact that the Trump-appointed Commission of Fine Arts has approved the proposal should carry little weight, because it has failed to follow the requirements of 40 U.S.C. § 8905(2): "A commemorative work shall be located so that--

(A) it does not interfere with, or encroach on, an existing commemorative work; and

(B) to the maximum extent practicable, it protects open space, existing public use, and cultural and natural resources."

Please follow the existing laws and the expressed will of the people to deny approval of the proposed triumphal arch.

Name: Nancy Ferson

Date: May 27, 2026 6:14:59 pm

This arch is the idea of one man to create a monument to himself. This type of project should have input from the any organization that has approved such projects in the past and should be approved by Congress for cost. None of the Trump projects are being competitively bid or vetted. They are going to his picks. That is a recipe for graft and waste which is something that Trump said he would eliminate. Stop the arch and any other glorification projects until due diligence, open bidding and Congress approval on cost is done.

Name: Whitney Slater

Date: May 27, 2026 6:17:41 pm

I oppose this project for various reasons.

1. Completely and totally unnecessary. We do not need this, we have not asked for this, we cannot afford this.
2. It has no historical value and detracts from the truly proud and historic significance of the current well established monument layout.
3. This a Vanity project. Plainly speaking it is tacky, disrespectful, distasteful and embarrassing.

I cannot think of even ONE good reason for this Monumental Arch to be built.

Name: Pam Doedli

Date: May 27, 2026 6:21:05 pm

Every single one of Mr Trump's "projects" are grotesque. Please, please shut down this asinine assault on America. We don't need or want an arch, a ballroom or any of the other tributes he has put forward to stroke his ego.

No! No! No!

Name: Linda Frisch

Date: May 27, 2026 6:21:51 pm

I am writing to express my opinion about the arch. It obscures an important view, in addition to being garish and out of proportion.

Name: Christina Peruski

Date: May 27, 2026 6:23:33 pm

This arch will be a disproportionate, aesthetic abomination. It will obscure the dignified entryway to Arlington National Cemetery. The Arch will not be honoring the dead at Arlington, but will be a monument to the man who is building entities to honor himself for history. Do not allow this monstrosity to be constructed.

Name: Cheryl Witt
Date: May 27, 2026 6:25:03 pm

This is a ridiculous waste of money. We the People don't need or want it, and I haven't found any compelling arguments for it. It's a pure vanity project that uses valuable funds that could be better spent elsewhere.

Name: Matt Seargeant
Date: May 27, 2026 6:26:40 pm

Please do not go through with this monstrosity. We are not living in 17th, 18th, 19th, or even 20th century Europe. We do not need, nor want, a monumental arch. This is simply another way for the current White House resident to "leave his mark." It will be ugly, hardy, and totally unnecessary.

Thank you!

Matt Seargeant
United States citizen

Name: Jamie Stanley
Date: May 27, 2026 6:28:20 pm

Please do not build this. It will block the beautiful hillside where our dear veterans lie in their final resting place.

Name: Judy Nutter
Date: May 27, 2026 6:29:26 pm

As a citizen of the United States of America, I feel there is no, absolutely no need for such a monument especially something to bolster the current president's ego. The size alone will place it as a focal point detracting from our country's heritage. It represents nothing. I say to return the White House to its original condition with updated wiring and electrical as needed. Can the Ballroom and all its glorious gold plating.

As a resident, I must obtain permission to build on my own land which includes the plans and details for the build. If I proceed without the permits, it can be ordered removed. President Trump is merely a renter, a tenant and as such is not allowed to make such changes to our land.

He must be stopped. Please do so.
Cordially
Judy Nutter

Name: Nancy Muth
Date: May 27, 2026 6:30:47 pm

Unnecessary vanity project that will negatively affect the area being considered for placement. This is America, there is no historical significance associated with an arch.

Name: Lisa Hall
Date: May 27, 2026 6:33:14 pm

I am very much opposed to the proposed New Monumental Arch for the following reasons:

1. It is a vanity project for the current President and designed with gaudy ostentation;
 2. It is a foolish expenditure of taxpayer funds during a time when our deficit is skyrocketing and programs which actually benefit Americans are being cut
 3. Its location will mar the beauty of the National Mall and overshadow the Lincoln Memorial and most importantly
 4. It will loom over our fallen in the Arlington Cemetery. They deserve better.
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Name: Selene Fabiano
Date: May 27, 2026 6:33:50 pm

Dear Commissioners.

I am writing to express my concern and opposition to the proposed Monumental ("Triumphal") Arch in Memorial Circle in Washington D.C. The unprecedented height and scale of the proposed arch is not in keeping with the overall plan for that area, and I am concerned the new arch would overshadow the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. In addition, locating arch at the entrance of the Arlington National Cemetery would result in the arch dominating and taking away from the cemetery and the honor it pays to veterans and their families. I trust that you will follow the dictates of the National Historic Preservation Act and await the completion of a Section 106 review before making any decisions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Selene Fabiano

Name: Jamie B
Date: May 27, 2026 6:34:48 pm

I VERY strongly object to this arch project. It is completely disrespectful to the brave servicemen and women who gave their lives for our freedom as it will block the flow and view that was carefully designed. Not to mention it is only being done to feed the ego of our felon in chief. He is destroying America, pilfering our treasury and building monuments to himself. What a disgrace!!!

Name: Keasha Martindill
Date: May 27, 2026 6:35:36 pm

No arch should overshadow Arlington cemetery and our fallen heroes. They made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Additionally, money from taxpayers should be spent to help the American people, such as for healthcare and veterans services.

Name: Margaret Pope-Rainey
Date: May 27, 2026 6:35:44 pm

This proposed arch would completely ruin the view of Arlington Cemetery as well as dwarf The Lincoln Memorial. Changing the iconic landscape of Washington D.C. with a blatant vanity project of this magnitude would be an egregious error and take away from the dignity of the monuments on the Mall and the final resting place of our military.

Name: Robert Beausoleil
Date: May 27, 2026 6:42:22 pm

This proposed arch is wrong and inappropriate on so many levels on this site. I strongly object to its construction.

Name: Jeannette Reinhart
Date: May 27, 2026 6:43:17 pm

There is no reason at this time in history for a monumental arch. The proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with

Name: Nancy Dopp
Date: May 27, 2026 6:44:22 pm

I'm writing to state my deep concerns over this proposed "project" of DJT's latest ramblings. He has desecrated our White House already along with The Reflecting Pool he is destroying and to even give him a moment of consideration as to this monstrosity is a slap in the face to all true Americans. Please do not let this pass.

Name: Karen Fields
Date: May 27, 2026 6:44:27 pm

I just saw a visualization of what this monument will look like and it is gaudy and blocks the view of the cemetery that most people will want to see. I don't feel that there should be a monument built to honor trump that will be paid for with the peoples tax dollars. It's disgraceful!

Name: Lana Hurteau
Date: May 27, 2026 6:46:12 pm

To whom it concerns,

I am a US citizen whose family goes back at least 200 years in this country.

I am sure there are all kinds of concerns about the logistics, the environmental impact , etc-- and I will let the experts speak on those.

For me, as an American looking at a brand new war, historic gas prices and massive civil unrest, I want to ask why anyone thinks we should spend money on a vanity project like this Arch.

Who cares about an arch?

We already have an arch in the great state of Missouri. That's good enough. Temporarily put Trumps name on that. I'm sure Missourans will love it.

This is a waste of money and a waste of time. Further, if erected, it will forever remind us all of this time in American history when the powers that be sacrificed dollars and good will to satisfy the ego of a classless, lawless, egomaniacal villain of a president.

Please do not approve this project.

Name: Elizabeth Hopkins
Date: May 27, 2026 6:51:03 pm

As someone who served and my husband died for his country, this vanity project for a narcissistic pedophile who continues to spend our taxpayer money while we citizens are barely making it by and adding to our personal debt, is wrong on many levels. First, the cemetery is a point of pride for us veterans. Second, our national debt is higher than the national economy. Third, he's admitted it's just because he wants it. Need I go on?!

Elizabeth Hopkins who is serving her community as Financial Officer at Post 28 in New Albany IN.

Name: Jill Schneider
Date: May 27, 2026 6:54:55 pm

I oppose the proposed triumphal arch because it would significantly alter the historic character and visual balance of Washington, DC's monumental core. The city's open sightlines and carefully planned civic spaces are part of its national significance and should not be disrupted by an oversized symbolic structure.

The proposal appears inconsistent with the long-standing planning principles that guide development around the National Mall and surrounding federal spaces. A triumphal arch would obstruct important viewsheds, increase visual congestion, and change the experience of shared public space in a way that cannot easily be reversed.

I urge decision makers to reject this proposal or require a more comprehensive public review process. The project raises serious concerns regarding historic preservation, precedent for future alterations to the capital landscape, taxpayer costs, and compatibility with Washington's established urban design framework.

Name: Nancy Treffry
Date: May 27, 2026 6:57:16 pm

Vote no on the proposed Monumental Arch!

The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House.

One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.

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.

No on the proposed Monumental Arch!

Name: Lynda Duke
Date: May 27, 2026 7:01:21 pm

Nothing should ever overshadow Arlington Memorial Cemetery for Trump's ego! NEVER!! We must continue to honor those who sacrificed their lives for the freedoms we enjoy.

Donald Trump does not deserve to put his name on any building or monument he doesn't own. His Ego is far too much for the USA and not enough for those who have sacrificed for freedom. He has never sacrificed anything for anyone.

Name: Rita Beyers
Date: May 27, 2026 7:01:29 pm

To th National Capital Planning Commission:

I concur with the following statements, previously submitted by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, regarding the proposed Triumphal Arch at Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. I am strongly opposed to the construction of the arch for the reasons listed below. In addition, our tax dollars could be put to much better use and this project has not been approved, as required by law, by the U.S. Congress. The National Trust's comments follow:

"We respectfully submit the following comments concerning the current proposal by the Executive Office of the President and the U.S. Department of the Interior to construct a new Triumphal Arch at Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. We urge the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts ("CFA") to consider these comments in connection with its responsibility under the Commemorative Works Act, following consultation with the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission, to approve site and design proposals for commemorative works so that such works do not "interfere with, or encroach on, an existing commemorative work and to the maximum extent practicable, protect open space, existing public use, and cultural and natural resources." We would also remind the members of the CFA that the Commemorative Works Act requires the project to be approved by Congress.

After reviewing the revised concept plans that have been submitted to CFA, the National Trust remains concerned about the location, height, scale, and design of the proposed Triumphal Arch, the manner in which it interferes with existing commemorative works and fails to protect existing public uses and cultural resources. Notwithstanding comments and recommendations by Commission members at the April 2026 meeting, the modifications to the proposal have been minimal. Most notably, the 68-foot-high sculpture at the top of the proposed Arch has not been removed or reduced, contrary to the Commissioners' recommendation.

The location of the proposed Arch, at Memorial Circle, will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscape vistas in Washington, DC, the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed with a low profile to respect the visual and symbolic vistas connecting the National Mall and National Cemetery. If constructed as planned at the proposed location, the new Triumphal Arch will obscure the intentional axial and aesthetic relationships between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House.

The National Trust is also deeply concerned about the unprecedented height and scale of the proposed Triumphal Arch, which will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House. The proposed Arch would be double the size of the Lincoln Memorial and would risk disrespecting this powerful and beloved monument. As such, the Triumphal Arch is inconsistent with the McMillan Plan and subsequent planning decisions that have stewarded the National Mall as a unified composition characterized by long, open, and uninterrupted viewsheds, with a clear hierarchy of monumental elements, that culminates at its western end at the Lincoln Memorial.

In addition, the proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery. The hallowed resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families, Arlington National Cemetery is a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice, selfless service, and national unity, all within sight of the monumental core of the Nation's Capital. Distinguished by the Tomb of the Unknowns, Memorial Avenue, and rolling hillsides of uniform rows of simple headstones, Arlington National Cemetery is a living memorial that honors thirty funeral services each day. The Arch, as proposed, would dominate Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers.

Finally, it is important to note that review of the proposal under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act has not yet been initiated. We understand that the National Park Service will be initiating Section 106 consultation soon, but the statute mandates that the review process be completed "prior to" approval of the project. 54 U.S.C. § 306108. In addition, based on past experience with Section 106 consultation in the National Capitol region, the proposed plans will be improved in response to the collaborative review and comments from the expert professional staff of the involved agencies, including the Commission itself. We urge the Commission members to await the Section 106 process, which has not yet been initiated."

It is my understanding that comments regarding this proposed arch have been overwhelmingly against its construction. I would hope that the Commission would take seriously the negative reaction to the proposed arch and reject the proposal.
Thank you.

Name: Jacqueline Miller
Date: May 27, 2026 7:01:36 pm

This proposed arch is a hideous abomination that will disfigure one of the most iconic and significant areas of America's capital city. To plant such a grotesque structure so close to Arlington National Cemetery is an act of desecration and dishonors all of our country's war dead.

Name: Mary Colombo
Date: May 27, 2026 7:05:04 pm

I am opposed to the erection of this arch for three reasons:

1. It obscures the view of the Arlington National Cemetery on the Memorial Bridge and the sight line between the cemetery and Lincoln Memorial,
2. It commemorates nothing except a sitting president, who, according to his answer to a CBS reporter who asked "Who is this for?", he responded "Me." We do not have a custom of memorializing a living president, nor should we.
3. The scale of this arch is monstrous and gaudy, unbefitting the restrained grandeur of buildings and monuments in our Capitol.

Please do not allow this project to go forward.

Name: Maryly Snow
Date: May 27, 2026 7:08:26 pm

I was always taught that it's in BAD TASTE to name important sites after yourself, unless, of course you are the owner of that site. Donald Trump does not own Washington DC, and we don't need a reminder of his egotistical approach to the American Presidency.

Stop this project! It's bad enough that he wants taxpayers to pay for the White House ballroom. He seemed to embark on that project without anyone's permission! And he promised that it would be funded by his billionaire buddies. Make him stick to his word!

Name: Nicole Luther
Date: May 27, 2026 7:09:09 pm

Where do I begin. Trump admires KJU but we don't live in DPRK. DC is a place of historic significance and the power in America is supposed to rest with the people. Historic commissions and boards are required to carefully consider such matters and their recommendations aren't supposed to merely line the car litter box. Contracts are supposed to be awarded via competitive selection. The resort pool renovation to the Reflecting Pool is disgraceful enough. The arch is 100x worse and will destroy the well planned scale and arrangement of monuments already existing. It is a waste of taxpayer money. Americans don't want Trump memorialized they want him investigated.

Name: Barbara West
Date: May 27, 2026 7:14:24 pm

This Arch is entirely by and for Trump. I don't think the joy in taking it down when he's gone is really worth building it in the first place.

Name: Jessica Cormier
Date: May 27, 2026 7:14:35 pm

Unnecessary and wasteful. No. I am against this. Do not build it.

Name: Jo Hoffman-Ferenschak
Date: May 27, 2026 7:15:00 pm

I too am concerned about the location, height, scale, and design of the proposed Triumphal Arch, the manner in which it interferes with existing commemorative works and fails to protect existing public uses and cultural resources.

I lived in DC while attending George Washington University. The Lincoln and Washington Monuments are my favorite monuments and I visited them often. I love the view created from Arlington to the Lincoln Memorial.

I am opposed to the Arch being constructed as it will destroy that view.

Name: Mary Lundy
Date: May 27, 2026 7:19:41 pm

I am opposed to the monumental arch. The scale is out of proportion- it will overpower the Lincoln Memorial and obscure Arlington National Cemetery. I am also opposed to the "gold" flourishes- I find them tacky and undignified. I feel that the whole project is unwanted by the American public and unneeded. Trump has admitted that it is "for me". Enough with the vanity projects! 2026 is a celebration of our country NOT our president

Name: Chris Goodfellow
Date: May 27, 2026 7:20:45 pm

I am vehemently opposed to Donald Trump's Big Ugly Arch as well as to his destruction of the East Wing and his ridiculous, Mar-o-Lago makeover of the Reflecting Pool.

Like everything Trump dreams up, the Arch is gaudy, outsized and a shameful attempt, once again, to put his tasteless stamp on the Nations' Capital.

Name: Leanne White
Date: May 27, 2026 7:23:58 pm

The arch is an abomination, not only in size, but in light of the current economic crisis looming. I do not believe the location or the size of this is appropriate. It is disrespectful to the reverence owed to the location. The cost should not be born with a single taxpayer dollar as no input has been given by Congressional members. More important, we are in an economic decline with a full out recession coming soon. All attention should be on the issues facing the people of our great nation, and not an architectural monstrosity that has no purpose.

Name: Moni McCoy
Date: May 27, 2026 7:26:32 pm

No. This is not acceptable. Trump has done more than any president, or person in history, to divide this nation. He is not a respected leader and does not deserve any monument. The tax payers do not want tax payers dollars spent on this ridiculous project. If any monument is built- it needs to be constructed in a synonymous way- with existing structures that honor true leaders of historic significance. Stop the gift and nonsense.

Name: Robin Cook
Date: May 27, 2026 7:27:21 pm

This is an absolute, hideous travesty which serves no purpose other than to boost The Narcissist's ego. It must be stopped.

Name: Melody Pekarek
Date: May 27, 2026 7:29:14 pm

I was raised in VA/DC and had the opportunity to visit every site possible. I have since taken my family to the area to show them all of its beauty and significance. One of my favorite scenes is looking at Arlington National Cemetery/Memorial from the Memorial bridge. What an absolute disgrace to all that are buried there with the building of Trumps Arch!! It is bad enough that the East Wing has been destroyed and my grandchildren will never stroll down the corridor but, now, with this monstrosity?!! Why are you allowing one man to destroy what has been so sacred to so many for so long? This has got to end. This is not his town, it belongs to the people.

Name: Debra Mallory
Date: May 27, 2026 7:36:34 pm

No! Too Big. What is it even for? Just because? No. Waste of money.

Name: Ann McBride
Date: May 27, 2026 7:38:28 pm

I would like to voice my disapproval of the construction of the New Monumental Arch. My reasons are as follows:
a) the Arch as currently described will be too big for the location and will ruin the view from Arlington Cemetery to the Lincoln Memorial.
b) the style of the Arch is inappropriate for the location - the United States of America in 2026. Arches were a thing back during the Roman Empire, and were copied by Napoleon Bonaparte during his empire. They were built to commemorate his military victories. This rationale obviously doesn't apply to the Monumental Arch.
c) Aesthetically, the Arch doesn't fit in with nearby architecture. And it is ugly.

Name: Juliana Morawski
Date: May 27, 2026 7:40:31 pm

Def Sirs and Madams:
I am adamantly opposed to the construction of an arch in D.C.
The sight line from the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington has historical significance and a sacred reminder of the ultimatum sacrifices the American people have taken to preserve the Union.
First, there is nothing in the meaning of the Arch that adds to our understanding of the history, in particular because the person behind the idea is the least educated in the historical tradition and sacrifice. It is being proposed to serve the ego of one person.
Secondly, the arch itself is tacky, gaudy and not at all in keeping with the aesthetic of the District.
I oppose this arch.
Respectfully,
Juliana Morawski, BSN,RN, TNS
Montello, Wisconsin

Name: Bettie Whitworth
Date: May 27, 2026 7:41:16 pm

I am against this monumental arch! This president is wasting so much money that could benefit the American people. He's already destroyed the White House East Wing and creating this arch will destroy it even more. This president only thinks of himself and what he can turn to "gold." We are in such a sad, sad time in our American State. I pray our Congress will stop him in his endeavors and save our country! Not just soon but NOW!!!!

Name: Susan Tellman
Date: May 27, 2026 7:43:45 pm

The planned Monumental Arch obstructs historic views of existing monuments, most importantly Arlington National Cemetery. The design and concept do not relate to any particular triumphant or memorial event in United States history and, therefore, looks like a blatant vanity project. The structure is oversized and a hindrance to traffic, thus being an impractical waste of public money better used to directly benefit taxpayers.

Name: Todd Michael
Date: May 27, 2026 7:45:23 pm

I stand opposed to this new arch, it's position blocking the view of Arlington National Cemetery is a disrespect to our fallen soldiers. I'm also opposed to monuments of this nature being built for a living president, particularly one who is so divisive and controversial.

Name: Heather Morris
Date: May 27, 2026 7:46:48 pm

A colossal 250-foot arch in Washington, D.C. is a deeply inappropriate and unpopular vanity project. No one wants to see public money and precious space wasted on a gaudy, towering structure that destroys historic sightlines between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. This is a gross misuse of taxpayer dollars solely designed to glorify a convicted felon.

Name: Karen Peyton
Date: May 27, 2026 7:49:21 pm

I am against the building of the arch. I feel that it conflicts with the integrity and visual appearance of the area. I also feel that it is a disservice to our brave troops buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Please do not allow this to continue. So much wasted funds vs helping Americans deal with real cost impacts.

Name: Candace Owens
Date: May 27, 2026 7:50:02 pm

This monument is terrible idea and will detract from Arlington National Cemetery as well as the Lincoln Memorial. Both are considered national treasures and blocking the cemetery view is the most disgraceful, unpatriotic plan that completely disrespects our veterans and mocks the foundation of our republic. Please vote no. Thank you.

Name: Noma Spoo
Date: May 27, 2026 7:50:28 pm

This arch is a gross over representation of Donald Trump. It will completely disrupt the historical view and meaning of the National Mall, the Lincoln Memorial, and Arlington National Cemetery. Preserving our country's history is paramount and this administration is purposefully obliterating many aspects of that. STOP THE ARCH PLEASE!

Name: Maryanne Bernini Caughlin
Date: May 27, 2026 8:02:32 pm

Please, please, please do not allow this to happen. It is wrong on SO many levels.

Name: Toni Tibbetts
Date: May 27, 2026 8:08:21 pm

The last thing America needs right now is another multi-million dollar ego project, for a very fragile man! Those funds could be used to feed children!!! The priorities are backwards.

Name: Susan Doty
Date: May 27, 2026 8:09:56 pm

I have much concern that this proposed Arch would be double the size of the Lincoln Memorial and would risk disrespecting this powerful and beloved monument. As such, the Triumphal Arch is inconsistent with the McMillan Plan and subsequent planning decisions that have stewarded the National Mall as a unified composition characterized by long, open, and uninterrupted viewsheds, with a clear hierarchy of monumental elements, that culminates at its western end at the Lincoln Memorial.

In addition, what the heck are we celebrating other than the vanity of one Man. The American people do not want this arch, we do not want our tax dollars to go to this thing, on this 250th anniversary we should be celebrating the diversity that made this country, not the hate that this arch represents.

Name: Peggy Asplund
Date: May 27, 2026 8:14:54 pm

I oppose the construction of the monumental arch until a legitimate, lawful review is conducted. The destruction of the White House without going through proper review is a criminal act. The construction of this monstrosity should at least go through proper review where any sane person could see that this arch and its location is a disruption to the original views uniting Lee's house and the cemetery to the Lincoln Memorial. This historic view should be preserved. Additionally the proposed arch would obliterate the view of JFK's eternal flame. Thank you for considering my comments which I believe speak for the majority of US citizens.

Name: Suzanne Delp
Date: May 27, 2026 8:16:59 pm

I submit my strong disapproval and anger at the building of this monument. In my opinion it will be an eyesore and an expense that has no legitimate basis. This money should be spent on the American people.

Name: Ernie deVried
Date: May 27, 2026 8:17:27 pm

I object to the construction of a memorial arch at this location. This would be a desecration of holy ground that speaks so loudly of our nation's history. The proposed arch is too large, and is gaudy, as well as being clearly intended to "honor" a president who does not understand the meaning of that term. But my objection is not personal. The symbolism of Arlington, the Lincoln Memorial, and the Washington Monument and their relationship to each other is important. Constructing this arch is a blasphemy, regardless of who builds it.

Name: Cara Sargent
Date: May 27, 2026 8:20:59 pm

No. Absolutely not. This is a ridiculous proposal. The thing would be torn down pretty soon, anyway.

Name: Thomas Best
Date: May 27, 2026 8:23:55 pm

The proposed arch, which is opposed by the vast majority of the American people and various veteran groups, is going to inhibit the stunning views of both Arlington National Cemetery but the Lincoln Memorial as well. Our nation's capital is not a place for a so-called "Triumphant Arch" which appears more to glorify Donald Trump than celebrate any achievement of the American people. Mark me as a solid no.

Name: Annette Dluger
Date: May 27, 2026 8:25:44 pm

I am totally opposed to building an arch which interferes with the views toward Arlington national Cemetery. It is disrespectful to veterans and a hazard to air traffic. In fact, such an arch has no place in the District of Columbia. The money could be better spent in providing funds for research to the NIH.

Name: Michele Resue
Date: May 27, 2026 8:27:30 pm

Pretty easy...
NO ARCH !!!!

Name: Ellen Mallory
Date: May 27, 2026 8:28:49 pm

I strongly oppose the proposed new monumental arch. Its location would destroy the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House.

This one of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C.. The vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. The proposed arch's scale, location, and design will disrupt this important visual and symbolic vista that has so much meaning for our country. As well, it will overwhelm 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.

Name: Nicole Bendick
Date: May 27, 2026 8:46:40 pm

France already has an arch. We don't need to copy. The direct line of sight from Lincoln memorial to Arlington should not be tampered with. It's already a breathtaking sight and we shouldn't mess with it. The proposed arch looks tacky and messes with a historical connection that shouldn't be interfered with.

Name: Melissa Monti
Date: May 27, 2026 8:48:06 pm

I urgently request that you disallow the planned large arch near the Arlington Bridge. The enormous size and position will obscure the historically important view between Arlington Cemetery, Arlington House and the Lincoln Memorial. Our Capital City was carefully designed to provide focus on historic sights and I am totally opposed to changes driven by one person. His ideas should not take precedence above those from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and citizens like me.

Name: Kristine Enright
Date: May 27, 2026 8:48:20 pm

I am wholeheartedly against a Monumental Arch. President Trump has already destroyed enough at the White House and does not need to do any more damage to our historic spaces!

Name: Renee Sessler
Date: May 27, 2026 8:49:41 pm

I agree wholeheartedly with the following and go on the record as an American that I oppose the proposed arch. I urge the commission to not approve.
" The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House.

One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.

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: Marcia Spear
Date: May 27, 2026 8:51:03 pm

I strenuously object to the building of Trump's arch. Our presidents should not be building monuments to their own ego. It is ugly and does not fit with the other correct monuments and cemetery in that area. The pictures and names on buildings need to go. It is a disgrace and cheapens our capitol city. Nix the ballroom and the militarization of the White House, rebuild the East Wing at his expense, restore the Kennedy Center, and ditch the gold in the White House. These things belong to the American people, not a part-time squatter with no class.

Name: Miranda Zywicki
Date: May 27, 2026 8:51:08 pm

I am against the arch as it is a waste of taxpayer money. The funds for the New Monumental Arch should instead go to a project in which President Donald J. Trump can support the American people. A copy-cat of a project from St. Louis is not the answer, supporting the entry of countries like Iraq, Qatar, Kuwait, and other Arab countries to the Abraham Accords, created by President Donald J. Trump, is the way to go.

I support our President, Mr. Donald J. Trump, in creating a legacy for himself by making America great; President Donald J. Trump can do this through his own plan: the Abraham Accords.

Name: Christine Tomasik
Date: May 27, 2026 8:52:17 pm

Dear Esteemed Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,

I would like to express my sincere concerns about the proposed New Monumental Arch. The Commemorative Works Act states that new projects should not interfere with existing commemorative works.

From my understanding of this project, in its proposed dimensions, the arch would interfere with the existing commemorative works of the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery. I would urge the NCPC and the National Park Service, under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, to participate in a thorough review and consider alternatives to the design and location of the arch. In this process, the project re-design would then be brought before Congress for their approval, as required by the Commemorative Works Act.

So many loved ones are buried in Arlington National Cemetery; my dear friend's husband, my high school classmate's father, and another dear friend's parents. I would feel personally distraught if this arch, as proposed, moved forward; I can only imagine how they would feel. The location, height, and scale would interfere with the visual landscape now enjoyed between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. Moving forward with this project would disrespect all of the veterans buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Sincerely,
Christine

Name: Denise Hall
Date: May 27, 2026 8:55:51 pm

I am writing in opposition to the monumental arch. There are many reasons I am against it. First it interferes with the intended relationship between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery. It is an inappropriate entrance to the National Cemetery. It's size also hides the view of other monuments. It is unnecessary and will destroy this revered area of our nation.

Name: Judy Stokesberry
Date: May 27, 2026 8:56:55 pm

Please accept my strong objections to a monumental arch between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. This is not a monument to our nation, but to the ego of one man. Instead of a monumental arch, I suggest a memorial to teachers who spend their entire lives working at low wages to improve the lives of our children.

Name: Margaret Summers
Date: May 27, 2026 9:02:06 pm

I am writing in opposition to the New Monumental Arch project. There are multiple reasons this project is not feasible, including the cost, the traffic, and the purpose. The cost of this project, we can be sure, would be an irresponsible amount to spend. Traffic during construction, and after completion, would cause huge problems for all. Finally, the purpose of this is clearly a vanity project that I fully oppose. Please do not build this.

Name: Diane Tracy
Date: May 27, 2026 9:06:26 pm

I am against the construction of the Monumental Arch as it will destroy the historical view and overpower the surrounding features and views of the present day monuments and National Cemetery. Also it resembles Military and Nazi symbolisms with the large golden eagles.

Name: Kelly O'Connor
Date: May 27, 2026 9:11:41 pm

NO UGLY ARCH for the TRUMP REGIME

Name: Julie Chapman
Date: May 27, 2026 9:12:46 pm

I cannot begin to understand why ANYONE would countenance the construction of this monstrosity. This is appalling, disgusting, and vomitous. We can call it L'Arc de Treason, given the many ways Trump has undermined our nation's laws and the Constitution, tossed away our allies, trampled our economy, tried to steal top-secret files -- including his repulsive proposal to steal money from taxpayers to give to insurrectionists. Or perhaps L'Arc d'Epstein-Trump files.

STOP THIS!!

Name: Janice MacKenzie
Date: May 27, 2026 9:14:13 pm

This arch is not at all appropriate in scale or design as it would dominate the approach to Arlington Cemetery. In addition, it is not in keeping with the historic theme and respectful timing of the installation of monuments that honor our past heroes who "gave their last full measure of devotion". It is rushed and has been given little thought other than in its size. This arch is a vainglorious attempt to dominate the surrounding structures or the bridge, and in no way respects the site or the sacrifice of past patriots buried at Arlington.

Name: William Brower
Date: May 27, 2026 9:14:30 pm

It is an abomination and totally un-American. We do NOT build monuments to living politicians!

Name: Nancy Weil
Date: May 27, 2026 9:21:45 pm

This piece, designed to honor one man, must be stopped. It is not in keeping with the area's current design and is nothing more than a waste of tax dollars.

Name: Elizabeth Lockwood
Date: May 27, 2026 9:23:06 pm

I am opposed to my tax dollars being spent for the creation of a new monumental arch.

The location of the proposed Arch, at Memorial Circle, will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscape vistas in Washington, DC, the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed with a low profile to respect the visual and symbolic vistas connecting the National Mall and National Cemetery. If constructed as planned at the proposed location, the new Triumphal Arch will obscure the intentional axial and aesthetic relationships between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House.

The project is offensive to the carefully laid out plans to commemorate important events in American history, and disrespectful of those in Arlington cemetery who gave their lives for this country.

Please do not approve this project.

Name: Kathy Preston
Date: May 27, 2026 9:24:51 pm

I am against the use of tax payer dollars to fund the monumental arch when we are a country at war and prices are soaring. Our country is in such financial debt that future generations will struggle to repay or ever recover from the reckless spending of this administration. This is a vanity project the people do not support. I'm so disappointed in you.

Name: Karen Leverich
Date: May 27, 2026 9:26:14 pm

Hello,
I am greatly disturbed to hear about the possible arch being built in Washington DC. I am a retired school teacher. After retiring from teaching, I became a tour director for such companies as Globus, Smithsonian, Destination America. I spent several months studying the city of Washington, so that I could take the exam and become a qualified tour guide of the city. What I and my passengers were most impressed about when visiting Washington, was the historical significance of the architecture and the history they represented. It is a shame what this administration has done to the White House. Please not another eyesore in the form of an Arch.

Name: Barbara Weber
Date: May 27, 2026 9:26:34 pm

The proposed Monumental Arch should not be approved. The scale, style and location are inconsistent with - and damaging to - the important and meaningful viewsheds of our nation's capital. The proposal lacks care for, and insight into, the significance and symbolism of the nearby national monuments and Arlington Cemetery. The idea of the Monumental Arch is rushed and, although it will dominate other monuments in size, it is dwarfed in meaning and significance by the surrounding monuments. The creation of the Monumental Arch at the proposed location would be a tragic mistake.

Name: Richard Morrison
Date: May 27, 2026 9:29:24 pm

Good day;

I would like to express my objection to the proposed arch.

The size and scale of this project will dwarf almost all other monuments in the city. As the entry to Arlington cemetery, it will change the design that had painstaking done earlier.

Please keep the Capital free from quick political designs.

Sincerely,

Richard Morrison
Dallas, TX

Name: Susan Brothers
Date: May 27, 2026 9:32:46 pm

Stop this ego project that will block the historic planned view of Arlington Cemetery. Tacky, overly huge and embarrassing. Please don't allow yet another vanity project to blight our history. The solemn nature of Arlington is not a carnival show. Everything he touches is blighted by a sex offender and felon who is raping the country daily.
STOP THE DISRESPECTFUL ARCH.

Name: Tamara Purdum
Date: May 27, 2026 9:35:14 pm

Until every veteran who fought for this country is NO LONGER homeless or lacking good health support DO NOT BUILD THIS TRUMP ARCH

Name: Catharine Kristian
Date: May 27, 2026 9:36:05 pm

Any new memorial or functional structure to the National Mall or any other federal space needs a full design, structural, and esoteric evaluation on the structure proposed. It also must be evaluated on the historical significance of the structure to our country's history. Our nation has relied on our government bodies, including legislative and executive branches, to thoroughly evaluate any structure that would take a significant position on federal land. We must continue this practice and not rush into any decision proposed by any member of Congress, the Judicial or Executive branch of the U.S. government.

Name: Stephen Gronek
Date: May 27, 2026 9:37:07 pm

NO ARCH. No meaning only a vanity project!

Name: Jacqueline Solomon
Date: May 27, 2026 9:37:39 pm

Dear Commissioners-

I oppose the proposed "New Monumental Arch." The lack of a formal design process, lack of consideration of alternative locations, lack of thoughtful selection of a qualified artist and lack of attention to detail/scale/aesthetic that I believe most Americans would assume and expect to occur when adding anything permanent to the National Mall in our nation's capital city is unconscionable.

Being mindful of the important symbolic and historic connections between the Mall and Arlington Cemetery is something that takes time and must be done in a thoughtful manner that listens to all concerns and respects the existing built environment.

This oversized and as proposed, in my opinion, VERY GAUDY and VERY UGLY arch will detract from the historic beauty and majesty of our nation's capital.

Please return this application to the proposing parties and make them follow a more formal process that includes input from people, organizations and subject experts from all over the United States to ensure that, if eventually approved, an arch fits in with tone and scale of the original plans for our capital and is designed to incorporate elements of our diverse nation in the details and proposed scenes on the arch. The Vietnam Memorial Wall is an excellent example of how a new element was successfully added to the area and provides a profound emotional experience and appropriately honors those killed in that war. The Vietnam Memorial Wall was required to follow more formal design and approval process than it appears is being contemplated for this New Monumental Arch.

This commission's input should be an important part of a larger public approval process.

The National Park Service staff and budget should be reserved for projects that have been contemplated and included in their Capital Improvement Plans. Our country and our National Parks Service staff deserve better than to be rushed into a new project, when they already had a large number of projects to implement and complete to keep our amazing National Park System functional, updated and accessible to all.

As a nod to our country's 250th anniversary, if this "New Monumental Arch" was eventually constructed as currently proposed, it would only serve to remind of me and many of my fellow citizens of this extremely disturbing and upsetting time in our country's history. I don't think that is what the applicant is hoping for in the long or short term.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jacqueline Solomon
Danville, California

Name: Elizabeth Starrs
Date: May 27, 2026 9:43:24 pm

Please, please hear our pleas!
We do not want that monstrous arch!
We especially don't want to pay for it either!
We know the President likes to say that his pet projects will be "privately funded" but we can see this doesn't actually happen!
JUST SAY NO !

Name: Chris Gralapp
Date: May 27, 2026 9:44:45 pm

Dear NCPC, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Arch.

Given the state of the economy for average Americans, I feel that the budgeted expenditures for this project could be much better directed toward finding solutions for the affordability crisis. The administration is clearly tone deaf to the plight of ordinary citizens, and all of these gaudy, meaningless monuments to a single person are not sitting well with the majority of the people of our great country. What would the founders feel about these empty, unpatriotic projects?

And while you are at it, please put a halt to the Ballroom! So blatantly wrong, in so many ways, and a desecration of democracy.

Please decline to authorize this boondoggle of a 'monument'.

Chris Gralapp

Name: Mary Doherty
Date: May 27, 2026 9:46:39 pm

As you stated so well 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.

My husband was an Army Medic stationed in Korea during the Vietnam War. He is buried in a military cemetery. I am deeply offended by the lack of respect and honor the proposed arch shows towards all of our veterans.

Thank you for the chance to object to the construction of this arch.

Name: Diana Blankenship
Date: May 27, 2026 9:55:17 pm

I feel the proposal would detract from the dignity and current landscape of the Lincoln memorial and Washington memorial. There is no purpose for this project other than stroking the ego of the man in the presidency, who is a convicted felon.

Name: Elaine Treado
Date: May 27, 2026 10:10:10 pm

I cannot believe the destruction of my hometown, historic Washington, D.C. I do not understand how this president has gotten away with tearing down part of the White House and starting a building project that would usually take years to get approval for. And now, this arch. An abomination. I had more trouble getting approval for a pool built in my backyard than trump has had in defacing our Nation's capital. I do not understand how any of this has not been stopped.

Name: Deborah Hecker
Date: May 27, 2026 10:17:17 pm

Please, please, please do whatever is possible to prevent the erection of the proposed monumental arch. So much has been destroyed or atrociously altered recently in our nation’s capital. We do not need another costly monstrosity.

Name: Jennifer Cuddeback
Date: May 27, 2026 10:24:02 pm

It is imperative this NOT be constructed. There is no need for it, it represents nothing, and it a complete waste of money.

Name: Kathie Gordon-Brooks
Date: May 27, 2026 10:25:49 pm

I do not support building a monumental arch in Washington DC. I believe the existing monuments must be maintained and that they provide the proper way to honor our history. The monumental arch is ugly, grotesque and meant to honor one person, not history.

Please deny this project.

Name: Louise Beer
Date: May 27, 2026 10:28:43 pm

As a concerned citizen, I oppose the monumental arch based on the following:

- * Disrupted Historic Views: The proposed site—a roundabout between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery—is a protected view shed created to symbolize reunification after the Civil War. Critics, historians, and veterans argue that a 250-foot structure would dominate and destroy this iconic vista.
 - * Lack of Congressional Authorization: New commemorations and major construction on federal parkland in the capital require Congressional approval.
 - * Extreme Scale: At 250 feet, the arch is nearly twice the height allowed by the federal Height of Buildings Act. It is more than twice as tall as the Lincoln Memorial and close to half the height of the Washington Monument.
 - * Safety & Traffic Concerns: Because the location sits in a busy traffic roundabout near the flight path of Reagan National Airport, pedestrian safety and aviation-clearance are at risk.
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Name: Jennifer Estep
Date: May 27, 2026 10:33:47 pm

Please do not erect a hideous arch that is out of scale with the carefully planned surroundings. We are America, and we have our own original monuments - we don’t have to copy the triumphal arches of other countries like Hitler wanted to do.

Name: Jonathan Kelsey
Date: May 27, 2026 10:37:51 pm

The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House.

One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.

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 our Capitol.

Name: Sheryl Harris
Date: May 27, 2026 10:39:01 pm

Dear NCPC,
I am writing to oppose the proposed monumental arch at Washington DC.
I do not believe this project reflects the priorities or character of our country.
The cost, size, and overall negative impact on existing monuments raise concerns, and with the national debt soaring resources could be better used elsewhere.
I respectfully ask that the proposal be rejected.
Thank you for your time and consideration.
Sincerely,
Sheryl Harris

Name: Diana Merrifield
Date: May 27, 2026 10:46:32 pm

Dear Commission, I was a resident of Washington DC and Alexandria Virginia for 25 years. I whole heartedly object to this arch on so many principles. As the daughter and granddaughter of veterans who gave their lives to this country, this proposed arch defiles their memory and the solemnity of the expanse between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National cemetery. I would argue we already have memorial arches in the Memorial Bridge. Our Capitol city is beautiful and the thought of a monstrous arch makes me weep for the soul of our country. It doesn't reflect the best of us, but imperial instincts best left to history. Please use restraint and maintain the current contemplative green spaces from which we honor those who gave all. Please. A nation begs you to do the right thing.

Name: Karen Buys
Date: May 27, 2026 10:50:37 pm

I am writing to voice my strong objection to the proposed monumental arch at Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Leaving aside for the moment the tasteless design of the arch and its oversized statue, my deepest concern is for the disrespect that it shows to our honored dead by interrupting the vista linking the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. It is shameful that any president, much less one who has performed no military service, would presume to memorialize himself at the expense of those who fought and died for our nation. It is still worse that this president proposes to do so by aping the imperialist, authoritarian triumphal arches of corrupt Roman emperors and the fascist regimes they inspired.

"Architecture is a language; it has something to say. What this monument wants to say is that the ego of one man is worth the desecration of the memory of thousands of others. In doing so, it dishonors those dead and the country for which they fought. Its construction should not be permitted."

Name: Elaine Senft
Date: May 27, 2026 10:56:13 pm

This would be a terrible waste of money to begin with. Moreover, it would ruin the views between several of the existing monuments and memorials and degrade the importance of those monuments and memorials.

Name: Sharon Heim
Date: May 27, 2026 11:01:51 pm

I object to the construction of a massive arch that will permanently alter the historic planned view shed that already exists. This is a narcissistic project by a narcissistic man to glorify only himself for the corruption and treasonous actions he is carrying out.
There has been no Section 106 evaluation. There has been no consideration of alternative locations.
There has only been the demands made by a delusional man determined to destroy not just the country he is supposed to be leading, but the very history of the country to appease his pathetic ego. This project should not be allowed to move forward and if it does, it will need to be removed and the area and the historic line of sight be restored.

Name: Carole Shrader
Date: May 27, 2026 11:02:29 pm

It's a ridiculous monstrosity and a huge waste of money.

Name: Julie Berg
Date: May 27, 2026 11:03:11 pm

The concept of this arch is lost on me as a United States citizen. It overshadows one of the greatest memorials we have in Arlington National Cemetery. We know what that site represents! it is a place of honor and a show of respect for those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The design of this proposed arch is gaudy in size and materials. What is the point? Please, no arch!!!!

Name: Gayle Vuletic
Date: May 27, 2026 11:13:19 pm

I think that our money needs to be spent elsewhere. I think the way Arlington looks now, is fine. If you go to the American Cemetery in Normandy, there is no arch there. It is peaceful. That is how Arlington should be, peaceful and without ornamentation.

Name: Catherine Arwood Hall
Date: May 27, 2026 11:16:56 pm

This extravagant proposed monument would interrupt the view of already established memorials and is extremely unnecessary!

Name: Ellen Sollod
Date: May 27, 2026 11:18:06 pm

Oppose the so-called new monumental arch. This is a travesty and a violation of the historical integrity of the site. This enormous eyesore will dwarf Arlington National Cemetery and desecrate the solemnness of this site. It will undermine the relationship between the Lincoln Memorial and the original origins of the Cemetery. It is an affront to patriots who hold the historical importance of the Capitol monuments dear. I am utterly appalled by the kutzpah of Trump to blatantly propose this ugly eyesore for this important site. It is equally appalling that people who have been appointed to this commission have such blatant disregard for historic preservation and design integrity. Approving this undermines any credibility that they would hope to have.

Name: Mike Hunt
Date: May 27, 2026 11:19:32 pm

For many years, the
United States of America worked
Ceaselessly to promote the welfare of our
Kin and kindred spirits home and abroad.

Today, I must
Respectfully recommend against this
Undertaking as it is a waste of
Money, is tone deaf during a war, and lacks a
Purpose that such resources demand.

Name: Robby Marvin
Date: May 27, 2026 11:24:46 pm

I'm concerned that the project related to the New Monument Arch has not gone through the appropriate levels of review. Please consider what this large monumwnt does to interfere with the current historic landscape. I'm not opposed to building such monuments. There may be other more suitable locations for said monument that donnot interfere with the historic scene that the monument is currently being proposed.

Name: Malinda Brown
Date: May 27, 2026 11:27:29 pm

From the description of the way this arch will change the carefully planned view of the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery, I ask that this project be abandoned, or at the very least, studied much more in depth.

Name: LESLIE MATTESON
Date: May 27, 2026 11:39:50 pm

There are too many veterans that do not want to see this arch. It is too big and ugly, to destroys the views and landscape. These things should be designed be a group that works together to include ALL of America.

Name: Maureen Chapman
Date: May 27, 2026 11:42:40 pm

I am strongly opposed to this proposed project, its size, cost and complete absence of any rationale for building it, particularly in the proposed location. It is a travesty and will dishonor the legacy of all who served the U.S., many of whom died in service to this country, and are buried in Arlington Cemetery. Please stop this project from being built.

Name: Donna Sparber
Date: May 27, 2026 11:44:37 pm

This arch will destroy the solemn view of Arlington National Cemetery and dishonor the patriots who rest there. Cancel this project.

Name: Ruth Karavanic
Date: May 27, 2026 11:56:30 pm

I vehemently object to Trump's latest vanity project. Arlington is sacred ground and needs to be solemnly left alone. This man was not elected to rebuild Washington, DC to his liking. Enough with the vanity projects. He needs to stick to his job description for President of the United States. It is time to tell this man NO and to go back to his Oval Office and work on real problems like getting us out of Uran's business, stabilizing our economy and reducing the deficit. It's time he started working on his concept of a plan, fulfilling his campaign promises and getting ICE, Patel and Hegseth in order. PLEASE, someone have the guts to tell him no.

Name: Heath Lynn Silberfeld
Date: May 27, 2026 11:57:17 pm

Regarding the proposed monumental arch, there are numerous reasons why construction should not proceed, at least at this time. First, established procedures for design and review have not been followed. Second, the president alone has not been given the authority to decide about this on his own. Third, we are a young country and changes to our established ways of moving things through an approval process should be followed in order for THE PEOPLE to have a say in the outcome of proposed changes. Fourth, the destruction of the East Wing and the current work at the Reflecting Pool without authority are indicative of the careless and thoughtless way that the president goes about making changes that result in messes and costly overruns, if not outright grifting. I could go on, but I trust that these reasons are sufficient to support you in insisting that normal review processes and procedures be followed in this and any future changes to the landscape of our precious Capitol: Washington, District of Columbia. Thank you for your attention to this matter! HLS

Name: Jackson Helms
Date: May 28, 2026 12:00:07 am

I do not support the proposed arch. The proposed arch lacks function, aesthetic appeal, and fiscal sense.

Name: Margaret Miller
Date: May 28, 2026 12:11:54 am

HELL,no. No monument to one of the most corrupt, evil, heartless, anti-democratic presidents in our history. The monument is bloated and oversized and awkward in its placement much like he is. I beg you not to let this happen.

Name: Janet Stoegerer
Date: May 28, 2026 12:19:18 am

I object to the arch being built that will obstruct the view from Arlington Cemetery where my mother-in-law and her husband are buried. I object to any reminder of the current President who has shown disdain for fallen patriots.

Name: Linda Krause
Date: May 28, 2026 12:24:14 am

I would respectfully like to submit my objection to the Monumental Arch that is being proposed. We do not need an arch for a President first of all, and especially one that will tower over our other great monuments that commemorate great Presidents. The cost also is prohibitive. Our Country cannot afford this frivolous expense.
I thanks you very much for your consideration.
Sincerely,
Linda Krause

Name: David Frankel
Date: May 28, 2026 1:24:09 am

I've been living in Washington DC since 1980 — 46 years. I strongly oppose the construction of an arch between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery. An arch will block the view of the memorial from Arlington Cemetery.

I urge you to reject this proposal.

David P. Frankel
Washington DC

Name: Jill Heryford
Date: May 28, 2026 1:32:58 am

Please no.
Considering sight lines being blocked for this monstrosity.
No. No.

Name: Pamela Sherrod
Date: May 28, 2026 2:03:32 am

This proposed project is a desecration of our nation's capital and should be roundly rejected.

Name: JeVerna Haynes
Date: May 28, 2026 3:47:50 am

Under NO circumstances do I want to see or pay for a monumental arch to ruin the historial layout of the cemetery to the Lincoln Memorial. Donald Trump knows nothing of our history. I do. He has already ruined the White House and the reflecting pool where I spent more hours than I could even count. Damn that bastard! He is trying to build monuments to himself when all he should ever be entitled to is maybe, maybe, a tombstone. NO NO NO!

Name: Patty More
Date: May 28, 2026 3:55:01 am

I oppose the incredibly disrespectful building of the arch. The current president is hell bent on plastering homages to himself on every piece of land and property without regard to we the people's wishes.

Name: Peg Herring
Date: May 28, 2026 4:28:15 am

I do not want the arch. We don't need it. It will disrupt the landscape. It will take funds away from necessary projects. It is a vanity project for the President.

Name: Christina Fullerton
Date: May 28, 2026 5:15:23 am

Please, please put this somewhere else or better yet, don't build it at all. We have such symbolism and purity in the aesthetics of our capital. Don't ruin it.

Name: Dianne Ham
Date: May 28, 2026 5:50:43 am

This is a waste of tax-payer dollars, a monumental vanity project that should not be permitted for what it is, and an eyesore on our capitol.

Name: Helen Shafton
Date: May 28, 2026 6:07:12 am

Please protect this beautiful view of this sacred American place from desecration. Ask veterans and families of the fallen what they think. One man, who temporarily resides in the White House, should not be allowed to leave such an enormous and lasting blemish on our nation's capital!

Name: Judy Greenblum
Date: May 28, 2026 6:07:43 am

I do not support a monumental arch at Memorial Circle and am strongly against it. I am the widow of a U.S. Marine veteran who is buried at Arlington Cemetery.

Residing only 15 minutes away, I visit the Cemetery several times a year and drive around Memorial Circle on each visit. On a practical level, it is challenging enough to navigate the Circle safely. Building a monument in the center would impede visibility and distract drivers.

On a personal level and more importantly, the Arch would detract from the solemnity of each visit to Arlington Cemetery. The approach along Memorial Drive would be interrupted and reduce the focus on Arlington Cemetery and honoring our country's military service members, veterans and prominent public figures. The view of the Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument from Memorial Drive leaving Arlington Cemetery (and, especially, from Arlington House) is breathtaking. This would be lost by erecting the Arch. We do not need a grandiose and monumental arch to be reminded what a beautiful city Washington D.C. already is.

Name: Nancy Dailey
Date: May 28, 2026 6:09:20 am

I am against installing such a divisive project that will alter such a significant historical view during a year we are celebrating 250 years of American history. Please do not move forward with this project. A celebration of this type should be thought through and maybe mark paying off the national debt. It should be put in another location to not alter the excellent historic plan.

Name: Richard Sparber
Date: May 28, 2026 6:20:44 am

The arch is an abomination. Stop work now and restore the site to its previous glory. Then work to prevent such projects in the future. K

Name: Sharon Haskell
Date: May 28, 2026 6:35:42 am

I am totally AGAINST this Arch being located in the circle between the entrance to Arlington Cemetery and Memorial Bridge. It will dwarf and disrupt the landscape of the bridge, the cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial.

I don't believe Mr Trump needs an Arch in his honor, but....if it is found by Congress that he deserves one, it needs to be placed somewhere besides in this location. Beyond the fact that it will completely alter the landscape, I am concerned that the proximity to Regan National Airport adds an additional concern.

Please, Please do not allow this monstrosity to be located in this location!

Name: Richard Slaybaugh Jr
Date: May 28, 2026 6:37:08 am

I am 100% in support of this proposal and project!

Name: Beth Jones
Date: May 28, 2026 6:39:21 am

Stop the trashing of the people's capital! The proposed arch glorifies corruption and obscures and demeans both Lincoln and those who died for our country.

Name: Lynn Setzer
Date: May 28, 2026 6:49:48 am

Don't do it! Just say no!

I just returned from a trip to Paris and saw the Arc de Triomphe there. It's a traffic nightmare. Moreover, it sits where not much else is except an office building meant to look like a Louis Vuitton case. No serious views are obscured. If that Arch is built, all of the national dignity emanating from the line of sight from the Custis-Lee Mansion in Arlington to the Washington Monument becomes so, so tacky.

At some point, don't we Americans need and deserve a dignified country? Not some sort of tacky carnival with monument after monument to ego?

Name: Laura Dudley
Date: May 28, 2026 6:57:18 am

I strongly object to the building of such a huge gawdish monument at this location. The serenity and present view of the existing monuments deserves to be preserved just as it is now and forever! There is already far too much chaos in our Nation's capitol, please do not allow this project to disturb the much earned "peace" of the fallen soldiers resting eternally in Arlington cemetery.

Name: Jill Baker
Date: May 28, 2026 7:00:06 am

The arch that trump wants to build is a national disgrace. Please don't let it happen!!! And don't let him touch the EOB, either.

Name: Lisa Vangelas
Date: May 28, 2026 7:00:13 am

As an Architect, I cannot imagine something like this getting approved with all of the agencies created to prevent such a monstrosity. This monument to Donald Trump is just that. He is literally standing between two sacred spaces, trying to insert his ugliness and horrific thoughts and acts - shoving them down our throats with no power to prevent this.

Anyone that allows this to be built will go to the architectural hall of shame. I hope it will get demolished once a mature administration is appointed.

Architects across the board are HORRIFIED at the LACK OF CONTROL THE VERY AGENCIES THAT WERE CREATED TO PREVENT THIS TYPE OF TRAVESTY.

Get out of Architecture, Get out of the Public Realm and go work at Walmart stocking shelves.

Name: Jennifer Baniewicz
Date: May 28, 2026 7:03:53 am

Dear Committee

I deeply believe this arch is an unnecessary and unwanted addition to our National Mall. Not only will it disrupt the design of the Mall and limit one's view of important sites, it serves no significant historical purpose. Places on the Mall should represent the collective "us", the people of this country. Whether it be honoring veterans, reminding the public about our nation's collective vision or highlighting human achievements, the Mall should capture the essence of the collective us, not the whims of one man. Please stop this arch.

Jennifer Baniewicz

Name: Michele Britcher
Date: May 28, 2026 7:08:43 am

This is the biggest waste of our tax payer money. We need to feed our people and provide cheaper healthcare over this atrocity. Or how about we lower gas prices? Nobody needs another monument! For a president who claimed to want to cut spending in the government, this arch must be cut!

Name: Ruth Campbell
Date: May 28, 2026 7:20:41 am

To whom it may concern, I wish to express my objections to the proposed arch which will break up the wonderful views of the area and dwarf the Lincoln memorial. There is so much history in that location and the layout is intentional and symbolic. The new arch will distract from that.

Name: Teri Roudabush Bennett
Date: May 28, 2026 7:22:49 am

I strongly oppose the proposed Triumphant Arch at Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. I am a frequent visitor to the cemetery as my paternal grandparents and my parents are buried there due to their service in WWI and WWII respectively.

First, the monument would disrupt one of the most historically and symbolically important vistas in Washington, D.C. The visual corridor from Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House, across Memorial Bridge to the Lincoln Memorial, is a carefully designed ceremonial landscape of profound national significance. Introducing a large triumphal arch into this setting would diminish the integrity, balance, and solemn character of this historic vista.

Second, Memorial Circle is already one of the most complicated and heavily traveled traffic areas in the region. Southbound GW Parkway traffic merges with traffic coming from Memorial Bridge, Route 50 westbound, and northbound parkway traffic. Adding a monumental structure at this location would create an unnecessary distraction for commuters navigating an already difficult intersection, potentially increasing confusion and traffic accidents.

Finally, Arlington National Cemetery does not need additional ornamentation. It is a hallowed burial ground for American military service members and their families. The cemetery should remain serene, peaceful, and respectful. A triumphal arch would detract from the solemnity of the landscape and introduce unnecessary political controversy into a place dedicated to remembrance, sacrifice, and national unity.

This proposal appears to be a vanity project rather than an enhancement to the memorial landscape. The dignity and historic character of Arlington National Cemetery and Memorial Circle should be preserved without imposing a new monumental structure that conflicts with the purpose and spirit of the site.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Bennett

Name: Kristina Lemmer
Date: May 28, 2026 7:26:14 am

This is not the type of thing the US should be spending money on. The chosen location will ruin the views of Arlington cemetery and be incredibly disrespectful to the military members and their family buried there. Don't waste money on this vanity project.

Name: Victoria Decker
Date: May 28, 2026 7:28:00 am

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please do everything you can to stop this travesty vanity Arch project from going forward.

The Nation Mall and Arlington Cemetery are the People's monuments, and we want to keep them as they are for future generations.

Thanks for your time.

Peace!

Victoria Decker

Name: Janet Shafer

Date: May 28, 2026 7:29:00 am

The current view from Arlington national cemetery should not be altered. It is hallowed ground too important to our nations history.

The proposed monumental arch is likely to be a magnet for repeated vandalism and desecration due to the profoundly unpopular theme it represents. Its eventual removal will become necessary and expensive.

Name: Kathryn Howlett

Date: May 28, 2026 7:29:07 am

Thank you. I am flumoxed as to how Trump had the audacity to destroy, dismantle, and redesign the White House grounds. Aren't they monitored by the NPS? Are there channels to present concepts and ideas to be re viewed by appropriate groups? Trump seems to be dismantling things that make America great: respect for history, respect for important cultural areas (The Kennedy Center for the Arts, the REFLECTING pool that no longer reflects, tear down part of the White House to build a ballroom, with a bunker??) Please hold this administration accountable. The rest of the world laughs and ridicules America.

Name: Lisa DeMarco

Date: May 28, 2026 7:31:20 am

I don't want the landscape and view changed in Washington D.C. The Lincoln Memorial, that long view of the mall and the cemetery should stay as peaceful and calm as it has been.

Name: Laura Hicks

Date: May 28, 2026 7:33:15 am

Please, please do not build this monument. This is not how Washington DC should be treated. It is not for the aggrandizement of one person. It is for the PEOPLE. Let the PEOPLE decide how to honor leaders once their legacy and the aftermath of their actions is experienced. We don't need billboards honoring leaders. Let history make the call.

Name: Luke McGeehan

Date: May 28, 2026 7:38:30 am

This whole project is an overblown vanity exercise for a petulant president with nothing better to do. You waste your time concocting this and making it bigger every couple weeks because he suffers from severe insecurity. Stop. This is unneeded, unnecessary as well as down right unAmerican. No other president has had a monument built TO HIMSELF in his administration. Why is this one any different? He certainly is not even well liked by the people (approval ratings at about 30%). Stop this foolish exercise while you still can and spend the money on something useful. This administration is all massive money wastes and nothing done to help regular Americans. This monument would celebrate nothing other than hubris and ego, and we already have plenty of those in DC.

Grow up and vote against this travesty. This man ain't Washington. Anyone who votes for this is a narcissistic syncophant who doesn't deserve to serve on even a local school board in the future. It should be regarded as a treason against the republic to waste a monumental sum of money at a time when people are hungry, are sick and dying, are suffering all of the country.

Name: Vicki Workman

Date: May 28, 2026 7:41:39 am

I am against having any kind of memorial for a president who has done nothing for the American people. He has made it more difficult for the working class to make a living. He only cares about himself and the billionaires who fund him. Please don't ruin the landscape of this beautiful area with another unnecessary tribute to a president with a 39% approval rating. Thank you

Name: Linda Flores

Date: May 28, 2026 7:54:43 am

Please take action. !!!!

Block this nonsense. Stop the stupidity.

Name: Lisa Biordi

Date: May 28, 2026 7:58:33 am

I am firmly against the building of the Monumental arch raised to the glory of a single human being.

The location of the proposed Trump Monumental Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.

In addition, the Arch will dwarf and diminish the Lincoln Memorial, a memorial to one of our most revered Presidents. The arch will disrupt the long, open, and uninterrupted views,

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, and selfless service.

Spending money when our national debt is so high and millions are being spent daily in a war that looks to have no end is financially reckless and irresponsible.

Plus this an administration has shown, through the demolition of the East Wing and the shoddy work on the Reflection Pool, that they do not care about sound building codes/processes or following Federal contract laws. I ask that you please do not approve this project.

Name: Victoria Rodgers
Date: May 28, 2026 8:08:25 am

I strongly object to the construction of the proposed massive arch, which would permanently alter and damage the historic planned view that already exists in this area. The current line of sight and open visual character are an important part of Washington, DC's historic design and identity, and they should be preserved rather than obstructed by a large structure.

This project would not only disrupt the historic landscape, but it would also create unnecessary traffic congestion, construction disruption, and long-term impacts on transportation flow in an already heavily traveled area. A project of this scale would negatively affect residents, commuters, visitors, and the overall accessibility of the surrounding area.

This would damage the historic view and character of Washington, DC and cannot simply be undone. This proposal should not be allowed to move forward.

Name: Maripat Voellmecke
Date: May 28, 2026 8:16:03 am

The proposed Monumental Arch is a monstrosity and should not be constructed. Washington DC has been played out with careful to those soldiers and patriots who are long gone. We have ways of remembering their accomplishments and sacrifices. The Arch serves no such purpose. Paying homage to one president's gluttony and overreach is the opposite of the serene respectful vibe that is Washington. Enough is enough. Stop this proposal now.

Name: Tamara Pirmann
Date: May 28, 2026 8:19:11 am

Construction of this arch would be an abomination. The proposed arch would be so disrespectful to the memorial of Arlington Cemetery and the fallen buried there, disrespectful to the families of those interred there. Imagine driving to visit the hallowed ground of those who gave their lives in dedication to this country and have to drive past an egotistical monument erected by a draft dodger.

Beyond that, the existing monuments erected in D.C. have been approved by Congress and been supported by the people of this nation to show respect to leaders and others who the people deem worthy of such recognition. This is nothing more than a petty little man feeding his own ego. I oppose the construction of the arch.

Name: nancy grigsby
Date: May 28, 2026 8:21:47 am

This is horrible. It it out of character for the other monuments and interrupts the view of our beloved national cemetery. Trump's arch is a hideous monument to himself. It is massively too large and he allowed no one to have input. If a 250 year monument is to be built then it must include input from experts who have taste, design knowledge and are selfless. Donald Trump only wants to build excessively huge things as a monument to self. Maybe on his private property but don't let him litter our treasured national mall with his classless gaudy ideas. NO No No!!!!

Name: RayAnne Nairn Roberts
Date: May 28, 2026 8:23:06 am

Excellent Idea.
Wholehearted Endorsement.

Name: Elizabeth Colbert
Date: May 28, 2026 8:23:12 am

We do not need an arch

Aesthetically, it destroys the site line between Lincoln Memorial and the cemetery.

And this is not just aesthetic. It is emotional. It brings the full impact of the horrible, horrible Civil War and the people who gave all to keep the United States together.

Not only is it disruptive to the skyline of our capital it is completely unnecessary. It honors and signifies nothing. It stands for nothing. It will be a great disruption to our nations capital for the foreseeable future.

Our president is a divisive president. There will never be a majority of the citizens of this country who support yet another vanity project for vanities sake.

We don't need the mess. We don't need the commotion. We don't need this disruption and we certainly do not need to waste more money building a monument we do not need and then having to maintain that monument. It is just not wanted. It is just not necessary.

We need the grown-ups in the room to act like grown-ups and say no

Thank you
Elizabeth Colbert

Name: Theresa & Phil Breunig
Date: May 28, 2026 8:28:23 am

The unprecedented height and scale of the proposed Triumphal Arch will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House. The Arch should not be built.

Name: Anne Marie Scott
Date: May 28, 2026 8:28:42 am

This arch is an affront to our military and veterans. It is entirely disrespectful. It is also outrageously expensive in a time when ordinary Americans can't make ends meet. In addition, these kinds of monuments are something we have avoided as Americans—our spirit is shown in our people and our wild places, not in edifices of stone. Stop this project now.

Name: Aaron Schwarzenegger
Date: May 28, 2026 8:29:44 am

The proposed monumental arch is less a tribute to national values and more a monument to Donald Trump's ego. Rather than addressing urgent issues facing Americans, the project appears designed to glorify one man's image and legacy through an extravagant display of vanity. Spending public money on a massive personal symbol sends the message that political self-promotion matters more than healthcare, education, infrastructure, or economic relief. America does not need oversized monuments to individual politicians; it needs leadership focused on serving the public instead of feeding personal ambition.

Name: Sharon Disalvi
Date: May 28, 2026 8:33:27 am

The arch is planned for construction at a site where the collective area is prominently a memorial field. I guess I missed the memorial intention here.

Name: Jill Stebbins
Date: May 28, 2026 8:34:57 am

Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway, near Arlington National Cemetery and along the Potomac River.

The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House.

One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.

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: Eileen Stoehr
Date: May 28, 2026 8:37:29 am

DO NOT BUILD THIS ARCH. It is a travesty to all the other monuments around it. It is too reminiscent of what the Nazi's built in Germany and the Fascist's built in Rome.

It is a waste of taxpayer dollars which could be spent for our Citizen's good, like healthcare and public school improvements.

I say NO to this ridiculous Arch.

Name: Valerie Sassaman
Date: May 28, 2026 8:42:34 am

This Landscape Already Speaks for Itself - see the attached PDF file

[Attachment](#)

Name: Christopher Ambrose
Date: May 28, 2026 8:42:56 am

The proposed Arch will destroy the currently unrestricted view from Arlington National Cemetery to the Lincoln memorial. The low profile design of Memorial bridge was done to ensure the view would be unobstructed from the hallowed ground of those who fought the Civil War to the memorial of the President who led the war to save the Union. It needs to be rejected.

Name: Jane Cunningham
Date: May 28, 2026 8:45:40 am

This project is overwhelmingly unpopular with the citizens of this country. Not only is the design and scale hideous, it is a total waste of money. Our tax dollars should be spent helping average American citizens and on our aging infrastructure, not building unnecessary monuments and ballrooms. We have an exploding deficit and a "monumental arch" is the last thing we need or want.

Name: Franc Scuderi
Date: May 28, 2026 8:45:53 am

Against this idea on ethical and financial grounds as unnecessary and not in the public interest. An unsightly vain glorious and narcissistic proposal that will forever scar the solemn view that exists. Just say NO!

Name: Susan Gibbons
Date: May 28, 2026 8:49:45 am

To whom it may concern,
I would like to express my concern about this upcoming project, which, if accounts are correct, will destroy the sight line between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington. In my view, this is an unnecessary sully of a design that has true meaning.

Lincoln's legacy deserves protection, and Arlington is hallowed ground. To destroy this would be a travesty.

Please consider what impact the building of this structure will have.

Sincerely,
Susan J Gibbons

Name: Kay Koelker
Date: May 28, 2026 8:52:00 am

It's hard to believe that this is even being considered.
A ridiculously expensive, taxpayer funded monument to one man's vanity.
Please don't do this.

Name: Margaret W Webb
Date: May 28, 2026 8:52:35 am

This is a travesty if allowed to be construed, blocking and dwarfing the most sacred monuments to our nation's proud history and dignity. Our fallen soldiers should never be overshadowed by this kind of gaudy self-worship.

Name: Patrice White
Date: May 28, 2026 9:03:33 am

The monument as proposed does not compliment the existing architecture in Washington. It interrupts and overshadows the existing views between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. Its scale overpowers the Lincoln Memorial and the entry to Arlington National Cemetery. It appears out of place and ostentatious, destroying the balance and views in that section of the city. Please do not approve its construction.

Name: Jill Sarver
Date: May 28, 2026 9:04:54 am

No! Enough of Trumps beautification plans. People in this country are hurting and this administration is tone deaf. Spend that money helping our lower and middle class citizens

Name: Janice Germann
Date: May 28, 2026 9:09:18 am

No arch is needed - it's disgraceful, impedes the view and needs approval of Congress. Trump has publicly said the arch was for him. Right!
In 2020, reports from The Atlantic and later other outlets said that during a 2018 trip to France, Donald Trump allegedly referred to American soldiers buried at the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery as "losers" and "suckers." According to the reporting, he also questioned why he should visit the cemetery.

Name: Kathy Lloyd
Date: May 28, 2026 9:13:27 am

This is a travesty to our history. We never have had vanity projects in 250 years and should not now!

Name: Ann Knoll
Date: May 28, 2026 9:13:29 am

NO to this arch. It's ugly and not well suited for the landscape. Don't want our taxpayer dollars spent on this monstrosity. Enough already with all these vanity projects.

Name: Donna Green
Date: May 28, 2026 9:13:40 am

I object to the proposed Monumental Arch. It is unnecessary and worse will be a blight on the current balance of memorials. Please stop this assault on our national landmarks.

Name: Janet Heitkamp
Date: May 28, 2026 9:16:59 am

Stop the tacky, tasteless, and ego affirming arch. It is out of balance and harms the iconic views of the Lincoln Memorial.

Name: Richard Stern
Date: May 28, 2026 9:17:01 am

I would like to add my complete agreement with the following comment previously submitted:

“May 20, 2026

Mr. Rodney Mims Cook, Jr., Chair
U.S. Commission of Fine Arts
401 F Street, NW, Suite 312
Washington, DC 20001

Re: CFA 21/MAY/26-1
Memorial Circle, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Washington, DC.
New Monumental Arch. Revised Concept.

Dear Mr. Cook:

The National Trust for Historic Preservation in the United States (“National Trust”) is a private charitable, educational, nonprofit corporation headquartered in Washington, D.C. and chartered by Congress in 1949 to further the historic preservation policy of the United States. 54 U.S.C. § 312102(a). This Congressional charter obligates the National Trust to “facilitate public participation in the preservation of sites, buildings, and objects of national significance or interest.”

We respectfully submit the following comments concerning the current proposal by the Executive Office of the President and the U.S. Department of the Interior to construct a new Triumphal Arch at Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. We urge the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts (“CFA”) to consider these comments in connection with its responsibility under the Commemorative Works Act, following consultation with the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission, to approve site and design proposals for commemorative works so that such works do not “interfere with, or encroach on, an existing commemorative work and to the maximum extent practicable, protect open space, existing public use, and cultural and natural resources.” We would also remind the members of the CFA that the Commemorative Works Act requires the project to be approved by Congress.

After reviewing the revised concept plans that have been submitted to CFA, the National Trust remains concerned about the location, height, scale, and design of the proposed Triumphal Arch, the manner in which it interferes with existing commemorative works and fails to protect existing public uses and cultural resources. Notwithstanding comments and recommendations by Commission members at the April 2026 meeting, the modifications to the proposal have been minimal. Most notably, the 68-foot-high sculpture at the top of the proposed Arch has not been removed or reduced, contrary to the Commissioners’ recommendation.

The location of the proposed Arch, at Memorial Circle, will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscape vistas in Washington, DC, the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed with a low profile to respect the visual and symbolic vistas connecting the National Mall and National Cemetery. If constructed as planned at the proposed location, the new Triumphal Arch will obscure the intentional axial and aesthetic relationships between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House.

The National Trust is also deeply concerned about the unprecedented height and scale of the proposed Triumphal Arch, which will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House. The proposed Arch would be double the size of the Lincoln Memorial and would risk disrespecting this powerful and beloved monument. As such, the Triumphal Arch is inconsistent with the McMillan Plan and subsequent planning decisions that have stewarded the National Mall as a unified composition characterized by long, open, and uninterrupted viewsheds, with a clear hierarchy of monumental elements, that culminates at its western end at the Lincoln Memorial.

In addition, the proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery. The hallowed resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families, Arlington National Cemetery is a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice, selfless service, and national unity, all within sight of the monumental core of the Nation’s Capital. Distinguished by the Tomb of the Unknowns, Memorial Avenue, and rolling hillsides of uniform rows of simple headstones, Arlington National Cemetery is a living memorial that honors thirty funeral services each day. The Arch, as proposed, would dominate Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers.

Finally, it is important to note that review of the proposal under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act has not yet been initiated. We understand that the National Park Service will be initiating Section 106 consultation soon, but the statute mandates that the review process be completed “prior to” approval of the project. 54 U.S.C. § 306108. In addition, based on past experience with Section 106 consultation in the National Capitol region, the proposed plans will be improved in response to the collaborative review and comments from the expert professional staff of the involved agencies, including the Commission itself. We urge the Commission members to await the Section 106 process, which has not yet been initiated.

Thank you for considering the views of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Sincerely,

Carol Quillen
President and Chief Executive Officer”

Thank you,

Richard Stern

Name: Terry Goodson
Date: May 28, 2026 9:18:28 am

I do not support this vanity project. It is unwanted, undeserved, and an embarrassment. Public money should not be used to honor this complete disaster of a president.

Name: Debra Mertz
Date: May 28, 2026 9:18:30 am

To obstruct the view of Arlington Cemetery, the Lincoln and Washington memorials is a slap in the face of presidents who stood for freedom and democracy and disrespects those who gave their all for that freedom. Building the arch is a waste of taxpayer money just to pacify an insecure non leader.

Name: Jonathan Berkey
Date: May 28, 2026 9:19:42 am

I am opposed to the construction of this arch. It will be an eyesore in our nation's capital.

Name: Gail Loveman
Date: May 28, 2026 9:20:49 am

I strongly disagree with building the Monumental Arch. It is disrespectful to veterans. It will be ugly and out of place at that location. And Congress needs to be involved.

Name: Holly Hook
Date: May 28, 2026 9:24:30 am

Arlington Cemetery. Or for that matter, it is an affront to all the men and women who fought for this country and are buried there.

Please do not build this terrible arch.

Sincerely,

Holly H. Hook
Saint Helena Island, SC

Name: Bridget Piekarz
Date: May 28, 2026 9:26:50 am

The country does not need and cannot afford this monstrosity. The occupant of the hallowed Oval Office is trying to build as many monuments to himself as he can before he leaves office. We can tear down the tacky gold and even do something else with the ridiculous ballroom, but this ghastly nonsense will destroy utterly the scale, grandeur, and history of the Capitol.

Name: Barbara Culton
Date: May 28, 2026 9:26:54 am

I oppose Donald Trump's ostentatious memorial arch to himself.

What have we become that he is able to desecrate Washington DC, divide our country, and damage our relationship with allies around the world.

Name: Curtis Olson
Date: May 28, 2026 9:28:48 am

NO!

Do not build this arch.

As a person who grew up in DC, and not a political dilettante who cycled in and out of the area with a specific administration, I think that this arch will ruin the skyline of a very traditional and historic city, with no benefit to the city or the country.

It will ruin the view and the majestic reverence of Arlington Cemetery as viewed from the capitol city.

It will ruin the view of the city from the Virginia side along the route that I commuted for years.

And there is no rationale or indication of what this eyesore is celebrating.

There is little to celebrate right now in the current divisive environment in our country right now.

This arch will not celebrate or unify Washington or the United States. It will only divide and ruin both for decades or centuries to come.

Name: Julie Troy
Date: May 28, 2026 9:30:01 am

The proposed project first the monumental arch (aka Arc de Trump) should be denied for many reasons:

- architecturally it is a monstrosity, especially in proximity to the beautiful and historic Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument and the carefully designed viewscape surrounding them;
- it is an outrageous and frivolous waste of tax payer money, especially in these times of great fiscal uncertainty and global instability ;
- it is being promoted and forced on the public simply to gratify the ego of a president unworthy of any such recognition ;
- the review by the Commission on Fine Arts was a partisan rubber stamp to the project rather than a reasoned evaluation of an intrusion on a historic landscape of monuments and Arlington Cemetery.

If approved it will go down in history as Trumps Folly. Those who would support and approve such a grotesque project need a solid lesson in the ethics of governance.

Name: H Perkins
Date: May 28, 2026 9:31:13 am

This is the most absurd project imaginable at our present time in our nation's history. This arch reminds me so much of the architectural follies the aristocrats in England and France erected in their gardens, follies that serve no useful purpose whatsoever. This proposed arch is as much an architectural folly as those pointless creations. This arch is simply to boost the ego of one man only, not to commemorate this great nation . Construction of this arch at this juncture in our nation's history would be such a total waste of valuable taxpayer monies. By no means should this project should proceed - again, such an extreme wasteful way to spend our, hardworking Americans tax dollars.

Name: Deb Fagan
Date: May 28, 2026 9:31:17 am

I am writing to protest the construction of a Memorial Arch on the road leading into the District from Virginia. I have lived here for the last 35 years and one of my favorite views is of the Mall and the Lincoln Memorial while walking or driving over Memorial Bridge. It makes my heart swell with pride and appreciation for the planning of this view. Arlington Cemetery behind us and the hope of freedom for all in front. The Arch is not needed....and as it is now planned, its size is grotesque. NPS please stop this project. It has been pushed through with no input from those of us who live here and the millions of people who visit.

Name: Mary Basile
Date: May 28, 2026 9:32:34 am

I object to the scale and location of the arch.
The structure can be placed in a location that will not impede with the Lincoln Memorial. Perhaps near the Washington monument. Or change scale to not diminish the Memorial.

Name: Carolyn Ingraham
Date: May 28, 2026 9:33:52 am

Dear Commission Members,
I am strongly against the building of the New Monumental Arch as it will destroy the vial integrity of the already magnificent memorials.
Thank you,
Carolyn Ingraham
Vermont

Name: Helen Haynes
Date: May 28, 2026 9:35:15 am

NOOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!! The arch is a ridiculous proposal put forth from the most egotistical, selfish, out of touch President our country has ever had. His ego projects are destroying our history. He is trying to copy Europe's history and make it ours! We are a Democracy who embrace our humble beginnings. We treasure the log cabin Lincoln grew up in, NOT the castles various kings grew up in! Please, please preserve our historical structures with their magnificent views unobstructed by Trump's utterly tasteless, meaningless structures!

Name: An American
Date: May 28, 2026 9:35:36 am

The arch's chosen location is disrespectful to those who have served our county and rest in Arlington Cemetery. Its design overwhelms and is not in line with the area's aesthetics.

Name: Cynthia Sharpe
Date: May 28, 2026 9:38:01 am

I do not approve of this new Monumental Arch to be constructed. The placement is unacceptable and a waste of money. Please do not follow through with this request.

Cynthia Sharpe

Name: Robert Ellis
Date: May 28, 2026 9:40:47 am

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For these reasons I strongly oppose construction of the Arch or any other structure at this sit.

Name: Katie Phillips
Date: May 28, 2026 9:41:18 am

I oppose the proposed monumental arch for the following reasons:

- It is hideous in design
 - It would destroy the unobstructed and historically meaningful sightlines among the 3 existing monuments
 - It would overwhelm the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, disrespecting and minimizing the sacred memorial to those who fought and died for this country
 - The overall result would be tasteless, discordant, and generally inappropriate
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Name: Bradley Brown
Date: May 28, 2026 9:41:34 am

The scale and placement of the arch will severely detract from the existing monuments and Arlington National Cemetery. This project is completely unnecessary and a waste of resources better spent helping struggling Americans.

Name: Yvonne Benney Basque
Date: May 28, 2026 9:42:33 am

This project is a waste of taxpayer money at a time when consumer confidence is low, prices are high, people are literally starving. Feeding the ego of the current administration with yet another vanity project is shameful and irresponsible.

Name: Elena LeGris
Date: May 28, 2026 9:42:57 am

Absolutely NOT. It's a grotesque, grandiose self serving project of an inflated ego. It's a mis-use of taxpayer funds when there are so many other more important ways that money could be spent to help this country's citizens.

Name: Franz Peter Weeren
Date: May 28, 2026 9:43:44 am

The proposed atrocity is destructive to the visual axis between Arlington and Washington. It is entirely unnecessary, ugly and offensive as it is being proposed to honor a man who never served in any armed forces and deserves no honor in that regard. Further, the initial design proposals make clear that the proposed edifice is grossly oversized and will not have any positive impact on the vistas or the Washington and Arlington skylines. I urge the Planning Commission to rule against this white elephant.

Name: Pamela Chance
Date: May 28, 2026 9:44:12 am

This is a total waste of time and money for the vanity of President Trump. It is not needed and will spoil the original intent of this public space and its views. It will not enhance the city or our country. Please do not approve this item's construction, especially as high as it has been proposed. I know there have been edits but edit it completely out of future plans.

Name: Candace Ward-McKinlay
Date: May 28, 2026 9:46:26 am

The newly proposed arch is out of line with the rest of the monuments in the area. It will disrupt the flow of visual monuments already in the area. The arch has not been approved by other proper channels and is a tribute to a living person. No to the ARCH. It is a bad idea and not welcomed nor should tax payers money be used for something that Congress has not approved.

Name: Linda Kramer-Abing
Date: May 28, 2026 9:46:37 am

I oppose the monumental arch based on the following key reasons:
Obstructed Sightlines and Heritage: The 250-foot scale would dwarf the Lincoln Memorial and disrupt the historically solemn and carefully designed sightlines between the memorial and Arlington National Cemetery.
Disrespect to Veterans: This monument to political triumphs risks turning a reverent area dedicated to national mourning and service into a partisan ego project.
Misplaced Priorities: Taxpayer funds or government attention should be directed toward urgent infrastructure repairs, the economy, or veterans' benefits, rather than a self-tribute.
Legal and Procedural Concerns: The proposed location on Memorial Circle is protected federal parkland. This project circumvents the bipartisan Commemorative Works Act of 1986, which requires explicit authorization from Congress for monuments on the National Mall.

Name: Leslie Guidry
Date: May 28, 2026 9:47:04 am

As a National Trust for Historic Preservation member, historic preservationist, and architectural historian, I agree with the National Trust's public comment in regard to the proposed monumental arch. Rules, regulations, and statutes need to be followed BEFORE to approval of the project.

In the National Trust's own words:
We urge the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts ("CFA") to consider these comments in connection with its responsibility under the Commemorative Works Act, following consultation with the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission, to approve site and design proposals for commemorative works so that such works do not "interfere with, or encroach on, an existing commemorative work and to the maximum extent practicable, protect open space, existing public use, and cultural and natural resources." We would also remind the members of the CFA that the Commemorative Works Act requires the project to be approved by Congress.

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Name: Gordon Everest
Date: May 28, 2026 9:49:41 am

Our country does not need another monument. The money would be better spent contributing to improving the welfare of the electorate with things like healthcare and education.

Name: Elizabeth Cwik
Date: May 28, 2026 9:50:31 am

Please - do not approve construction of this monument. It does not take a trained eye to see that this design is inappropriate in scale and detail. It's huge, gaudy, tasteless, and interferes with the view toward Arlington National Cemetery.

I know that you know that it is wrong to assuage one man's ego at the expense of the dignity of our nation's capital.

Elizabeth Cwik, AIA

Name: Kellan Walski
Date: May 28, 2026 9:51:35 am

This would be ugly AF and a waste of money.

Don't placate the baby in the white house

Name: Kimberly Patterson
Date: May 28, 2026 9:51:54 am

As a U.S. citizen and voter, I am writing to express my dismay at the proposed monumental arch that a sitting president says is “for me” (i.e., himself). His triumphalism is entirely inappropriate; he has forwarded destruction of constitutional governance and citizen’s rights at every turn.

Regardless of its true purpose, the scale of this arch takes away from the solemn view of our honored dead. The gaudiness, echoing his vulgar taste on display at the White House, is inappropriate amidst the gravitas of Arlington, the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington memorial, and other Capitol architecture.

I urge the NCPD to halt this travesty. Do not allow this administration to erect another monument to oligarchy. If you do, you’ll be forever associated with the worst administration in American History.

Name: Katherine Sharpless
Date: May 28, 2026 9:52:10 am

Bigger is not always better. The scale of the proposed project overwhelms the other memorial architecture within the landscape, thereby causing the arch to look ridiculous. Please deny the proposal as submitted.

Name: James Noonan
Date: May 28, 2026 9:53:13 am

This proposed monstrosity is an appalling addition to the capital landscape. It is gaudy, ugly, excessive, and it obscures sightlines between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. I can think of few things -- excepting the despicable White House Ballroom and maybe the golf course-colored reflecting pool -- that would make the capital less distinguished and more embarrassing.

Name: Chris Nielson
Date: May 28, 2026 9:53:56 am

The arch is outside the spirit of the city and our national spirit. It will tower over the other parts of the mall, will obstruct the skyline towards the Lincoln memorial, and is a waste of taxpayer dollars. Please preserve our republican spirit and block this project.

Name: Sidney Hunt
Date: May 28, 2026 9:54:46 am

To whom it may concern:
I would like to let you know I am against the new arch proposal moving forward. I do not see this monument has adding to the current landscape and in fact see the monument has taking away from the beauty and elegance of the rest of the monuments. The other monuments were built for remembrance of our country and history of how we became the United States of America. I appreciate your work in determining how we can continue to persevere Washington in its history for generations to come. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Sidney Lee Nelson Hunt

Name: Fred Lanahan
Date: May 28, 2026 9:54:54 am

As a Veteran of the Vietnam War I strongly oppose this unnecessary huge arch at the Arlington National Cemetery. If it is allowed to proceed that should only happen with Congressional Approval from both houses of Congress.

Thank you for considering my comments on this subject.

Name: Cara Cilano
Date: May 28, 2026 9:57:13 am

Dear NCPC,
The current administration should be barred from building this arch. Aside from the obvious fact that it is a vanity project that will require funds better used elsewhere, its location is an insult to all those interred at Arlington. Enough with the Lost Cause valorization.

Name: David Prokopy
Date: May 28, 2026 9:58:45 am

This is an absolutely terrible idea that serves only a monument to one man's ego. He's dead-set on remaking the entire city in his own terrible, tacky image, and this specific "monument" is by far the worst example, besmirching decades and centuries of historical beauty and restraint.

This monument MUST NEVER move forward!

Name: Robert Mode
Date: May 28, 2026 9:59:10 am

Good day, I don't think I could express forcefully enough how outraged I am at this proposed boondoggle of a self aggrandizing monument to the worst president who has ever served. This should not be allowed to continue in no way shape or form. One of our most sacred landscapes and the connection between the Lincoln memorial through the memorial bridge to Arlington National cemetery could be forever ruined. This should not be allowed to continue in any way.

Name: Cindy Clark
Date: May 28, 2026 9:59:27 am

This arch serves no purpose. It is a vanity project for one individual, Donald Trump. He has no concern whatsoever for “we the people”. I am utterly disgusted with the size of the arch.

Name: Sharon Brown
Date: May 28, 2026 9:59:28 am

Dear Sir and Madam,
I am against the building of the Monumental Arch in Washington D. C. This is absolutely a total waste of my taxpayer dollars and is not needed for any reason. Our national debt is large enough already and we don't need to add more money to it by building this monstrosity. I implore you not to let this proposal go forward.

Name: Richard Heisler
Date: May 28, 2026 10:00:33 am

I am a tax-paying US citizen. I write to object to this needless arch project to fascism, greed, envy, sloth, selfishness, and pride.

When Trump is dead, MAGA dies with him -- and this whole sad, sordid, soul-jacked era is left behind in that huge freaking compost bin of Trumpensteinian history -- we will need to rebuild what this asshole has destroyed.

We will have to tear down all that he has created as a monument to himself to return the US back to its liberalism roots.

Fascism and Nazism is a horrible look for the US.

But what do I know! I'm just a taxpaying citizen.

Cmon, seriously?!

Name: Mary Barhydt
Date: May 28, 2026 10:00:59 am

I am 88 years old and have visited Washington, DC, many, many times. Each time I was struck with a sense of wonder and awe at the monuments that have been constructed to reflect our history - both our successes and failures. Part of that beauty is the manner in which the monuments are constructed in proportion to each other. This arch will destroy those proportions. It is too large; it is too garish; it will obscure other monuments and vistas.

The arch is inappropriate other ways. Other monuments have been constructed to honor past Presidents and fallen heroes. This arch is a naked tribute to a president whose term is not over and for whom history has not been written. Please refuse to permit this gross, uber grandizement of a currently sitting president.

Thank you for your consideration.

Name: John Staub
Date: May 28, 2026 10:01:04 am

I am fully on-board with President Trump's plans to build, for our Nation, a Monumental Arch as currently designed and located.

Name: William Edwards
Date: May 28, 2026 10:01:13 am

Do whatever you want but we're knocking it down on January 20, 2029.

Eat shit and die.

Name: David Sally
Date: May 28, 2026 10:02:54 am

Dear Commissioners,

250 years ago men, women, and children fought and died to remove the stain of royalty from this land and establish a democracy. This was not just a political action but a cultural one as well. The democratic culture the founders established discouraged monumentalism, especially personalized monumentalism, of all types. Needless to say, the proposed arch would have no place in their America and should have no place in ours. I urge you to humbly, firmly, and democratically reject this project.

E pluribus unum,
David Sally

Name: Dave Hartsfield
Date: May 28, 2026 10:05:45 am

The proposed arch is in the wrong location, at the wrong size, and with the wrong ornamentation.

The location of the arch will serve to block the Arlington National Cemetery along the approach from the main capital area. The size of the arch is entirely too large for its surroundings and, at a size much larger than the Arc de Triomphe, is much too grandiose. Finally, the ornamentation is garish, with applied gilded figures throughout, particularly reaching high from the top.

Thank you for considering my criticism.

Name: Valerie Pawlewicz
Date: May 28, 2026 10:05:53 am

A big fat (beautiful) NO to this "triumphal" arch to honor a traitor this country and, frankly, to the world. We do not honor grifters, con men and lousy humans. We honor those who have given, sacrificed, celebrated, united and advance the glory of this great nation. Using taxpayer money is clearly a boondoggle. Ruining land, light, the environment, and disrespecting our architectural and cultural heritage monuments in vicinity is clearly a travesty. No surprises from this insult-to-a-President person. NO to the arch. Emphatically no.

Name: Kathleen Manning
Date: May 28, 2026 10:05:57 am

I'm writing to express my opposition to the New Monumental Arch proposed in Washington, D.C. The arch will disrupt the sight lines within the city and change the historical layout of Washington D.C. and its monuments. I am particularly concerned because the arch does not take into account the meaning behind the positioning of the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. I am also concerned because the arch is an unnecessary expense at a time when American citizens are struggling to make ends meet. Please reject the plans for the arch. Thank you.

Name: Michael Tremblay
Date: May 28, 2026 10:06:33 am

I strongly oppose the construction of the Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle. This project has no meaningful historical purpose or connection to Arlington. It is an improper use of taxpayer dollars and a waste of resources of local officials. The American people have nothing to gain from the construction of what can only be described as a vanity project for the sitting president.

Name: Susan Jude
Date: May 28, 2026 10:07:15 am

Who will this arch be for? Who does it represent? It is near Arlington Cemetery. How do veterans feel about this? Will it take away the beauty of the rest of the memorial buildings and Arlington Cemetery? I think these are valid questions and you as commissioners have a responsibility to our nation to get this right. I am not in favor of the arch. It is too big and doesn't have a purpose.

Name: Suzanne Novak
Date: May 28, 2026 10:07:27 am

This proposed arch is not only ugly but it is offensive. It destroys the unified feeling of the city's architecture, disrupts sightlines and puts an emphasis on war not peace or good government. It smacks of a desire to imitate past autocrats who put up such arches. I strongly oppose this or any other arch on this or any site in the capital.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Novak

Name: Kimberly Hudolin
Date: May 28, 2026 10:07:57 am

I strongly object to the construction of the new monumental arch in Washington, D.C. It's not clear to me what it is supposed to be celebrating, other than the individual who decided to build it. It is unseemly for an individual to honor themselves in this way. Additionally, it will disrupt the carefully preserved views between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery. This dishonors all those who gave their lives in the Civil War.

Name: Irma Sullivan
Date: May 28, 2026 10:07:58 am

I strongly object to the construction of the Monumental Arch. I am a taxpayer and feel this proposed construction is an inexcusable waste of taxpayer dollars. It will not honor our 250 years of our democracy but rather insult those who gave their lives for this democracy who are buried at Arlington. This arch is only for Donald Trump and serves no one but him. It is huge and gaudy and copies the arch in France. This is not France! This arch does not honor our country. It does not represent our country's history. It is just a big, shiny object for Donald Trump. Above all, this arch dishonors those soldiers who gave their lives for our democracy. I strongly object to the construction of this arch.

Name: Guy Winig
Date: May 28, 2026 10:08:14 am

National Capitol Planning Commission
May 28, 2026
Dear Commission,
I am a 72 year old taxpaying, patriotic, citizen and retired landscape architect writing to state my complete opposition to the president's proposed monument to himself and that I am in total agreement with the National Trust for Historic Preservation's criticism of this proposal.
Sincerely,
Guy C. Winig

Name: Jean Meyer
Date: May 28, 2026 10:08:20 am

To the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts:

I am opposed to the new monumental arch for several reasons.

1. The proposed project has not been approved by the U.S. Congress.
2. The location, height, scale and design of the proposed project interferes with existing commemorative works and fails to protect existing public uses and cultural resources.
3. The location of the proposed project will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House.
4. The proposed project would be double the size of the Lincoln Memorial and would risk disrespecting this powerful and beloved monument.
5. The proposed location, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery.
6. A review of the proposed project under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act has not yet been initiated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Jean Meyer
Dallas, TX

Name: Kristina Colwell
Date: May 28, 2026 10:08:34 am

There are so many things wrong with this project:
Unnecessary: Arlington cemetery is already honored and designated land. It is known by everyone. It doesn't need an "entrance"
Gross: everything Trump does is gaudy and ostentatious. Gold leaf? Oversized? Just tacky.
It is only because Trump wants to plaster his existence on the physical spaces. His own self importance is all that he cares about. Not honoring or improving anything. The "ballroom" is an example of that and now we have a gaping hole where part of the people's house once stood.
Do not let him dishonor another part of DC

Name: Alan Gambrell
Date: May 28, 2026 10:09:07 am

This arch is (1) impermissible without Congressional approval, (2) disrespectful to the quiet majesty of Arlington National Cemetery and (3) garish. Vote no.

Name: Colleen Kelly
Date: May 28, 2026 10:10:09 am

The proposed arch is a horrible idea. It would overwhelm and diminish its important surroundings (Arlington) and other memorials and historic landmarks. It's out of scale, and it would be a monument to one man's venality and ego. It's also a waste of money that the United States doesn't have. It cheapens the country and its creation would be yet another example of the Temu design approach seen proliferating — gaudy, cheap, disrespectful of what came before and what will come after. Stupid. A waste. An embarrassment.

Name: Laurel Fitzhugh
Date: May 28, 2026 10:12:00 am

I urge the Commission to reject the proposed Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle.

My concern is not only the structure itself, but its placement within one of the most historically and symbolically significant landscapes in the United States. The unobstructed relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House was intentionally designed and carries profound national meaning. The landscape itself is part of the memorial.

The proposed arch would introduce a new dominant element into a carefully designed viewshed, altering a visual and symbolic relationship that has existed for generations. Once this change is made, it cannot be undone.

I also believe the review process serves an important purpose. National memorial landscapes belong to the entire country. Decisions that permanently alter them should be approached with caution, broad public engagement, and deep respect for the historic design intent of these spaces. The existence of a formal review process reflects the understanding that preservation of nationally significant landscapes is a public responsibility.

Future generations will inherit these places exactly as we leave them. In this case, preserving the existing landscape is the better choice.

Name: Melissa Maciel
Date: May 28, 2026 10:13:29 am

The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the view between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. This area is one the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., "the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States." Do not approve this vanity project that disrupts the architectural landscape of the county.

Name: Noah Pierce
Date: May 28, 2026 10:14:55 am

This arch is going to be in the middle of one of the best views in the nation and completely ruin it. Do not build this.

Name: Susan Ficklin
Date: May 28, 2026 10:16:38 am

This proposal negatively impacts the relationship of the current monuments with Arlington Cemetery, where my father is buried. It dwarfs the Lincoln memorial, which stands as one of the greatest testaments to America's values. This arch echoes European monument design, rather than being a uniquely American concept. It is unnecessary and would detract from the American representation of our values and valor now honored by the National Mall, monuments, and Arlington Cemetery. It should not be built in any form, as it would be an insult to honored heroes.

Name: marcus devito
Date: May 28, 2026 10:16:47 am

...Our country does not need a new monument...an arch....for one man's ego.
....Thank you,Marcus DeVito

Name: Rebecca Marco
Date: May 28, 2026 10:16:59 am

This arch is a giant waste of money that should not be built. Funds would be better spent preserving and maintaining the public buildings that already exist.

Name: Alison Stankrauff
Date: May 28, 2026 10:17:16 am

This "monument arch" is an affront to America. It does not match the vision of Americans - but instead only the president. That's not democracy. Do not let this expensive thing get built.

Name: Pamela Gross
Date: May 28, 2026 10:17:42 am

Do not build this monstrosity. It is not necessary. Please spend my tax dollars on helping Americans who need assistance.

Name: Judith Hazelton
Date: May 28, 2026 10:18:01 am

The proposed arch of the size, appearance and placement chosen would greatly detract from the location composition and pre-existing monuments in the area.

Name: Steven Craig
Date: May 28, 2026 10:19:29 am

I oppose building this arch concept at this time.

Name: Patricia Warren
Date: May 28, 2026 10:21:30 am

Why?
Why do we need, or what, such a monument?
It is a monument to the most corrupt, egocentric, democracy destroying president we have ever had.
We DO NOT NEED this monument.
Please think about the design of our capital city, the reverence of the vistas.
Do not let this become another folly to this disgraceful president.
Sincerely,

Patricia B. Warren, AIA Emeritus

Name: David Jackson
Date: May 28, 2026 10:24:01 am

The Arch design for the Capitol will block the view of the hallowed ground in Arlington National Cemetery. It feels incredibly inappropriate and disrespectful to those that have served.

Name: JL Angell
Date: May 28, 2026 10:24:23 am

Out of respect and the American value of honoring our fallen soldiers, patriotic leaders throughout my lifetime and long before have consistently preserved the clear view of graves at Arlington from the Lincoln Monument and all places inbetween.

Do not spit on them and reviled them and dishonor them by placing the monstrosity to obstruct and destroy that view like an enemy of our country would. Stop this appalling anti-American project now.

Name: William Vaughan
Date: May 28, 2026 10:24:26 am

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Name: Priscilla Mattison
Date: May 28, 2026 10:25:33 am

I urge the Commission to deny any form of "new monumental arch" near Arlington National Cemetery. There is no need for such an arch, and no call for it except from one vainglorious individual. Not only is the design of the proposed arch gaudy, monstrous and entirely out of keeping with the American spirit -- its presence would detract from and mar the view of other worthy and actually meaningful commemorative works, as well as open space.

Please prohibit any version of the proposed arch from being constructed.

Name: Brad Thorgendorf
Date: May 28, 2026 10:29:10 am

Your concerns about the size and scale of the project are fully justified. The project should not be allowed to proceed in its current form.

You should let the President build his arch, but scaled down to a maximum height (including ornamentation etc) of eighteen inches.

Money saved on the construction should be used to endow a permanent trust to pay for a flautist, and dancers dressed as pixies to dance jauntily around the Arch on Saturdays and public holidays (during tourist season)

Additional provision may need to be made for safety railings, etc, to prevent people from tripping over the Monumental Arch, as deemed necessary by the DC Public Works Dept.

Kind regards,

B. Thorgendorf

Name: Brent Small
Date: May 28, 2026 10:30:08 am

I am strongly opposed to the planned arch. Its size and placement will change the skyline of Washington DC forever. Instead of having a straight line view to Arlington cemetery as we exit the city, our views will be blocked by this monstrosity. Its presence will be a terrible disservice to the men and women who fought and died for this country. We do not need this monumental vanity project.

Name: Joy Nelson
Date: May 28, 2026 10:32:08 am

The entire project is a waste of time, money and effort. There is no need to build this monstrosity. The proposed arch is out of scale and out of place for DC and for it to block views of Arlington National Cemetery is disrespectful to those who served and protected our country.

In consideration of the other damage this administration is doing to existing public lands and monuments, not to mention the White House, there is no legitimate reason or excuse to let this administration ravage DC.

This should be a firm no. One you will defend in court. Trump has damaged enough already.

Sincerely,

Joy Nelso

Name: Mary Boda
Date: May 28, 2026 10:34:13 am

This must be stopped! It will be an abomination on our national capital. It is OUR capital city not the current occupants of the white house! Stop it now!

Name: Kristin Hoffman
Date: May 28, 2026 10:34:15 am

I do not have the best words to express how much I disagree with the proposed Monumental Arch, but I will do my best to explain my thoughts without all of the emotion I am feeling as I type this. As the spouse, daughter, daughter-in-law, niece, ... there's more, but you get it - I have a lot of veterans and those currently serving on active duty in my family and friend groups ... I think the location of the Arch is an insult to the sacrifice to all of those who are interred at Arlington National Cemetery. Driving through an arch, that the President himself has said is for him, to get there takes away from the solemnity and gravity of arriving to visit those who gave everything to our country. If this isn't a good enough reason for why we shouldn't be building this, along with all the other vanity projects currently underway, there are Americans who can't pay their bills or afford healthcare due to this same man's administration and their decisions to enrich themselves while taking from others. This a frivolous use of the taxpayers' money. I have recently learned that other steps must be taken before this can be approved and it looks like the process is not being followed. All projects should be following every step of the process, including review of the proposal under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. There is no reason that this should be rushed and no approval should have already been given. Thank you.

Name: John Scott
Date: May 28, 2026 10:35:02 am

Along with 3/4 of the American public, I do NOT support the erection of a massive, poorly designed, unnecessary carbuncle to deface Arlington National Cemetery and its environs. Rather than promote the ideals of reconciliation and unity, this thing, driven by the desires of only one man, can promote only further division and dissension. I beg the members of the Commission to set aside their loyalty to that one man, and act for the benefit of the District of Columbia and of the United States and reject this monstrosity.

Name: Dave Neil
Date: May 28, 2026 10:36:39 am

What is this arch for?

The proposed arch obscures the Lincoln Memorial, built to honor the president who steered the country safely through the Civil War, but perfectly frames Arlington House, the mansion built by enslaved Americans and once owned by Confederate General Robert E. Lee. The arch does not frame the nation's honored dead, but frames instead the home of the man who led the armies of the Confederacy that killed them.

Do not build this arch.

Name: Sandy Lewis
Date: May 28, 2026 10:36:45 am

No, no, please NO! Not an appropriate use of my tax dollars

Name: Peter Carlsen
Date: May 28, 2026 10:37:02 am

The Commemorative Works Act requires the project to be approved by Congress. It should not proceed without such approval.

Name: Wendy Doromal
Date: May 28, 2026 10:37:04 am

I oppose the "Monument Arch" which will be a view blocker, an eyesore and another complete waste of tax payer money. This project did not receive Congressional approval.

Name: Theresa Earenfight
Date: May 28, 2026 10:37:42 am

Do not spend my tax dollars on a vanity project that does not serve the public good. It is a visual ugliness, an insult to the values that Americans hold dear, and it is an utter waste of money.

Name: Brenda Mox
Date: May 28, 2026 10:40:14 am

This idea is hideous. That it is even being considered is an insult to taxpayers. Supporting a rapist pedophile, liar, thief, dementia riddle psychopath is ludicrous. This must not be allowed

Name: Barbara Smalley
Date: May 28, 2026 10:40:37 am

This is a waste of money & will be a blight on Washington DC. We do not need nor want this arch -- it should NOT be built!!

Name: Theresa Hall
Date: May 28, 2026 10:42:42 am

This monstrosity is against all past and original planning for the National Mall landscape. I'm a veteran and it will be a terrible insult to veterans past and present, and the families of veterans who served and whose loved ones are buried in the sacred land of Arlington Cemetery. This "arch" is unnecessary and would further the whims of a president who has absolutely no respect for military service members past and present. Congress has not signed off or passed any legislation, as required by law, for this ridiculous vanity project. STOP THIS PROJECT NOW!!

Name: Mary Wueste
Date: May 28, 2026 10:43:03 am

I am writing to object in the strongest possible terms to the proposal to build a Monumental Arch between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. All illustrations and descriptions of this proposed arch that I have seen suggest that it is incompatible with existing monuments, both in its size and decoration. I can see no good reason why money should be spent on the planning, development, or construction of such an arch. To me, it is offensive to our democratic ideals, more suggestive of Imperial Rome. Once built, it would permanently alter the appearance of our capital, and not in a good way. Please do not approve this project.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Name: Eileen Becker
Date: May 28, 2026 10:44:11 am

We do not need fascist symbols in our nation's capital, especially ones that will block the visual relationship between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington cemetery. A low-rise memorial fountain would be much more in keeping with our democratic republic.

Name: Jan Malvern
Date: May 28, 2026 10:44:18 am

I visited Arlington Cemetery to view my relatives resting places a few years ago. I traveled there across the country and then locally by the Metro system and as we approached our destination I was awed by the breadth of this national cemetery for our war dead. Walking up the hill, the presence of these brave soldiers, my relatives included, struck me with reverence for their lives and the gifts they gave our nation. Gratitude for them is a completely different emotion than the triumph that Trump wants to convey. I condemn the plans for this ridiculous arch that would desecrate this cemetery and deny the visitors the sense of awe for the sacrifice our soldiers made. Trump doesn't understand sacrifice at all. Do not fund this arch.

Name: Sharon Priest
Date: May 28, 2026 10:45:18 am

Please do not approve the monumental arch. It will destroy carefully planned and maintained viewsheds and greatly dwarf other existing monuments. It's also a huge waste of time and money and will be an eyesore.

Name: Winifred Fessenbecker
Date: May 28, 2026 10:48:39 am

The proposed arch is too big, too ornate and poorly sited. America does not need an arch to prove we are a great country. The needs of one person to aggrandize himself is a poor reason to block our magnificent views and overwhelm our existing monuments.

Name: Michael O'Neill
Date: May 28, 2026 10:48:45 am

ABSOLUTELY NOT! This is a waste of money, resources and an insult to the American people. NOT ONE CENT FOR THS RIDICULOUS VANITY PROJECT.

Name: Steven Rhodes
Date: May 28, 2026 10:50:15 am

I am writing to submit formal comment regarding the design concept for the proposed New Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle. This submission addresses specific statutory, procedural, and logistical conflicts within the proposal that warrant a denial of concept approval by the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC).

1. Disruption of the Historic Viewshed and Spatial Planning

The geographic corridor encompassing the Lincoln Memorial, the Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington National Cemetery relies on a low-profile, horizontal axis deliberately established by the 1902 McMillan Plan. This design ensures an uninterrupted visual continuity across the Potomac River. Introducing a 250-foot vertical structure—more than double the height of the Lincoln Memorial—violates the established architectural hierarchy of the monumental core. Furthermore, the inclusion of internal elevators, commercial ticketing facilities, and private event spaces alters a landscape intended for public reflection into a managed commercial venue, fundamentally compromising the integrity of a protected national viewshed.

2. Statutory Non-Compliance under the Commemorative Works Act (40 U.S.C. § 8903)

Because the proposed site on Columbia Island sits within Area I of the National Capital Core, the project is strictly bound by the Commemorative Works Act (CWA). The statute explicitly mandates independent legislative authorization from Congress for any such installation. Advancing design approvals through agency directives while bypassing direct congressional consent represents a clear statutory circumvention. Additionally, the inclusion of revenue-generating infrastructure, such as ticketing hubs and private galleries, is structurally incompatible with the preservation mandates governing this restricted civic zone.

3. Procedural Deficiencies under NHPA Section 106

The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requires comprehensive Section 106 consultation to assess adverse effects on historic properties before physical implementation or final design approvals take place. Conducting preliminary site work and geotechnical surveying via existing corporate infrastructure contracts effectively fast-tracks physical execution before public and state historic preservation reviews are legally concluded, undermining the integrity of the administrative review process.

4. Logistical and Programmatic Incompatibility

Memorial Circle functions as a critical traffic rotary managing high commuter volumes and solemn funeral processions entering Arlington National Cemetery. Introducing a high-occupancy observation platform and event venue at this specific junction creates unstudied vehicular chokepoints, transit delays, and pedestrian safety hazards on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. The National Capital Planning Commission should uphold its statutory mandate to protect the integrity of the monumental core and deny approval to this concept layout due to these outstanding statutory, procedural, and logistical conflicts.

Name: Hayley Roberts
Date: May 28, 2026 10:52:24 am

Please do not ruin the nation's capital with this heinous monstrosity that nobody wants.

Respectfully,
Hayley Roberts

Name: Billie Schmidt
Date: May 28, 2026 10:53:13 am

I disapprove of the arch that DJT wants installed for 2 reasons:
1. Washington DC mall area was designed with the intent to show history so as not to repeat it. And this would be dropped in the middle of that blocking sightings that help portray that.
2.This is another colossal waste of our money. Get the US purse out of DJT and his whole criminally corrupt administration's hands!

Name: jeff lieberman
Date: May 28, 2026 10:53:49 am

The proposed Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle is a hideous monstrosity that will disrupt the open, uninterrupted viewsheds in DC and overwhelm 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 (which means absolutely nothing to a deranged sociopath like Trump). I urge you to reject this vulgar, disrespectful arch.

Name: Joseph McAuley
Date: May 28, 2026 10:55:39 am

The concept and scale of this vanity arch is ludicrous. It is nothing but a gaudy eyesore. Do your job and reject this insult to to history, and the soldiers buried in Arlington National Cemetery

Name: Town of Roxbury Historic District Commission
Date: May 28, 2026 10:55:51 am

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to express our strong opposition to the proposal to construct a monumental arch on the National Mall at the direction of President Donald Trump. While we recognize the importance of commemorating national ideals and historic achievements, the proposed arch raises profound concerns regarding historical integrity, architectural harmony, and the stewardship of one of the nation's most prominent public spaces.

The National Mall is not merely open land available for successive political monuments; it is a carefully planned historic landscape. Developed through the vision of Pierre L'Enfant and refined by the McMillan Commission Plan of 1901, the Mall reflects a coherent civic design rooted in democratic openness and visual continuity. The introduction of an oversized triumphal arch — particularly one associated with personal political legacy rather than broad national consensus — threatens to disrupt that carefully preserved framework.

Historic preservationists are especially concerned that the proposed arch would undermine the visual relationships among existing monuments, memorials, and open vistas that define the Mall's character. The Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Capitol dome, and reflecting pools were intentionally composed to create a sense of civic balance and national unity. A new monumental structure inserted into that composition risks overwhelming the existing design and altering the symbolic meaning of the space itself.

There are also serious procedural concerns. Changes to federally protected historic landscapes traditionally require extensive public consultation, environmental review, and oversight by bodies such as the National Capital Planning Commission and the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts. Preservation law exists precisely to prevent major alterations driven by transient political interests rather than enduring public consensus. The National Mall belongs to the American people across generations, not to any single administration.

Furthermore, triumphal arches carry strong historical associations with imperial power, military conquest, and authoritarian self-celebration. Such symbolism is fundamentally at odds with the restrained democratic character of Washington's monumental core. America's civic architecture has historically favored memorials that invite reflection and shared remembrance rather than personal glorification or displays of dominance.

Finally, preservationists believe public resources should prioritize maintaining and restoring the many existing historic structures and memorials already under strain from age, climate, and heavy tourism. The stewardship challenges facing the Mall today require conservation, not monumental expansion.

For these reasons, we urge federal planners, preservation authorities, elected officials, and the public to reject the proposed arch and to uphold the historic integrity of the National Mall for future generations.

Sincerely,

Roxbury, CT Historic District Commission

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Name: Elisabeth Ross
Date: May 28, 2026 10:56:11 am

This is strictly a vanity project for a man whose ego is never satisfied. It would be an abomination in an already beautiful city which honors those who have served this country honorably...nothing about Trump is honorable and he serves only himself. Please do not go forward with this project-the American people do not support it and should not have to subsidize it.

Name: Dee Duke
Date: May 28, 2026 10:57:18 am

I am totally opposed to the construction of the monumental arch. Some of my reasons for opposing construction:
-it's a dictatorial project

-it will completely well disrupt views that are famous in the capital
-it will obstruct entrance to Arlington national Cemetery
It adds nothing to the historic value of the United States capital

Name: Christine Litka
Date: May 28, 2026 11:01:04 am

I am against the construction of the Monumental Arch because it is out of proportion with existing structures and will obstruct the view intended by architectural designers of the space in question.

Name: Helen Glassman
Date: May 28, 2026 11:01:19 am

Please do not allow this arch which is illegal and a monument to the worst president in the history of this country! He commits treason regularly with no one stopping him. He is ruining our Democracy for his own gain. Enough! I'm tired of his raping us and using my money for himself and what he thinks is his legacy

Name: Julie Davis
Date: May 28, 2026 11:01:53 am

Washington DC belongs to all of us. It does not need a gaudy arch that obscures the line of sight between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington. Taxpayer money should be spent on whatever is needed to help the people of this country, not on glorifying Donald Trump. The arch is completely out of place in this already carefully planned area with monuments to the significant events and people in US history. Donald Trump is a disgrace to all of that. We don't need a permanent reminder of the horrors of his presidency.

Name: Chris Culpepper
Date: May 28, 2026 11:02:56 am

The idea of this arch COULD be okay, if it went through the standard congressional process for design and approval. As a tacky monstrosity to one pathetic man's ego, it will only serve as a funnel for graft. It's also so big as to be oppressive to the surrounding area for miles. And it will be a true waste of money when everyone decides they always opposed this wannabe dictator and it gets torn down. It'll be the US Brandenburg Gates: a giant reminder of a terrible time. Spend the money on anything else.

Name: Nelson B Nave
Date: May 28, 2026 11:06:38 am

Dont allow this Arch to be built. Why copy the original one in Paris.?
The location is bad, the temperament of the people is bad, and it makes no sense.
Spend the money on soothing for the City to improve it or spend it on the people of DC.

Thank you,

Nelson Breech Nave, AIA, Architect

Name: Barbara Stephens
Date: May 28, 2026 11:07:56 am

You must stop this other abomination. Arlington Cemetery is sacred ground and this vanity project of Trump's has no business being there. No one but Trump wants it, it doesn't serve any purpose but feed his ego. He's torn up enough of DC. We must stop him.

Name: John Dacey
Date: May 28, 2026 11:08:15 am

While not patently illegal, the entire WH/Trump process for this project abrogates all established processes, bypassing long-established channels to plan, resource, site, and construct DC-area monuments.
Trump himself has stated publicly that this proposed monument is "for me." It honors nothing, celebrates nothing other than his own ego and his own desire to leave a tacky, ugly, oversized monument to his own twisted existence. This project is about one man's sad, insecure vanity and all of the todies who are willing to do anything he says he wants done for their own shallow, craven purposes.
There is no budget for this project. It is beyond fiscally irresponsible. Hundreds of billions of dollars are going out the door under this administration to on these grounds alone any expenditure for this project is beyond responsible.
The proposed proportions of this monument are massively out of proportions to all other monuments and structures in the proposed area. Its siting will destroy all sight lines from Arlington Cemetery toward the Lincoln Memorial.

Name: Jennifer Porter
Date: May 28, 2026 11:09:00 am

Please do not let Trump build this arch. It is simply a monument to his staggeringly inflated ego. If it is built, it will be a stain forever on our country. Perhaps instead, you could order him to restore the white house using his own personal funds.

Name: Dick Crebs
Date: May 28, 2026 11:14:49 am

I oppose this project.

Name: Marc Guilford
Date: May 28, 2026 11:16:20 am

I oppose the construction of this arch. This would be a waste of money and an eyesore, yet another sop to the president's ego.

Name: Andrew Wise
Date: May 28, 2026 11:18:55 am

This project is an absolute waste of critical taxpayer funds and is both ill-conceived and poorly designed. It ignores the history of the place that it will tarnish and is a vanity project that should be abandoned. If the commission has any judgment and back-bone, this project will be stopped immediately and no more time will be wasted considering it.

Name: Jason Edgecombe
Date: May 28, 2026 11:20:13 am

This is a bad idea that would be a blight on our nation's capital. I oppose it.

Name: Victoria Holmsten
Date: May 28, 2026 11:20:49 am

Hard NO on Trump Monumental Arch. It is an insult to the history of careful planning for Washington DC. And it is an insult to the American people.

Name: Garon Hart
Date: May 28, 2026 11:22:38 am

To whom it may concern,
The proposed Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle poses a serious threat to one of the nation's most sacred and symbolic vistas—the uninterrupted view between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House. This sightline was intentionally preserved for over a century as a powerful symbol of national reconciliation after the Civil War. Erecting a 250-foot arch here would irreversibly disrupt that connection, undermining the quiet dignity of Arlington National Cemetery and contradicting the solemn character of the surrounding landscape. Many preservationists argue it violates federal laws protecting historic parklands in the capital's core.

Beyond the visual and symbolic intrusion, the project raises deeper concerns about appropriateness and accountability. Building a monument to a living president goes against long-standing tradition and risks politicizing a space meant for national unity. Critics also highlight the misuse of public and private funds that could be better spent on critical infrastructure or veterans' services. With unresolved safety questions for nearby Reagan National Airport and missing approvals from Congress and federal agencies, the arch not only disrespects historical integrity but also bypasses essential legal and democratic safeguards.

Thank you,
A. Garon Hart

Name: Steven Thiel
Date: May 28, 2026 11:23:53 am

This proposed arch would be an aesthetic and ethical stain on the Capital. It would dwarf the Lincoln Memorial and loom ominously over the graves of heroes at Arlington. This project should be rejected.

Name: Susan Bartel
Date: May 28, 2026 11:25:02 am

I am opposed to the size and location of the arch. If it must be built, I suggest a miniaturized version in The Ellipse in front of the White House. It is wrong to disturb the view shed from the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington National Cemetery. The scale of the planned arch is obscene. An appropriately sized arch could be an acceptable addition to The Ellipse.

Name: Heather Sielicki
Date: May 28, 2026 11:27:05 am

As someone with family who died protecting our nation, I am incredibly offended by the gaudy arch proposed at Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Not only is it a terrible waste of taxpayer money, it is also an affront to the Arlington National Cemetery character and meaning and would only serve to feed the ego of a president completely lacking empathy and respect for those who have lost their lives and those who loved them. I urge you to reject this Arch.

Name: Cynthia Kispert
Date: May 28, 2026 11:29:52 am

As the wife of Colonel John Kispert, USMC who will be buried at Arlington on July 13th, I do not approve of the Monumental Arch at the Cemetery. Arlington is a place of sacrifice and honor. To me, an arch is viewed as Triumph and glory to wars won. It should not stand on sacred ground. Put it somewhere else.

Name: Jon Zehnder
Date: May 28, 2026 11:34:38 am

There are so many bad things about this project. Please stop it because it is stupid.

Name: William Meyer
Date: May 28, 2026 11:34:59 am

I am deeply opposed to this proposed Arch, which will be a outrageous monstrosity that will diminish and overshadow the grandeur of the adjacent Lincoln Memorial, and will mar vistas to and from the Capitol and Arlington National Cemetery.

I respectfully urge the MNPPC to vote NO on this proposal.

Name: Nora Privitera
Date: May 28, 2026 11:36:00 am

I am submitting this comment to voice my objections to the New Monumental Arch proposed by President Trump. This massive arch would dominate and obscure the Lincoln Memorial and obstruct the view to Arlington Cemetery. The proposal is grossly out of scale with these other sites. It is proposed as a triumphal arch, but President Trump has not done anything to warrant such a monument. Usually a triumphal arch is designed to commemorate a historic event, and is done so after careful consideration by Congress and with input from the public. This arch was proposed by President Trump to commemorate himself. This is an inappropriate use of taxpayer funds. As a taxpayer I am offended that I will be paying for this arch to one man's ego. Like the offensive White House ballroom proposal this is grotesquely out of step with what the public wants.

Name: Leonard Poirier
Date: May 28, 2026 11:37:09 am

I am writing in opposition to the proposed new monumental arch near Arlington National Cemetery. This structure, which not justified in any way, would not only be out of place and scale but disrupt one of the most significant vistas in the Nation's Capital. It is clear that this is a harebrained idea that is only even being considered because another country has one. What's next, a leaning tower blocking the Lincoln Memorial? So many better uses of tax payer dollars.

Name: Cynthia Foreman
Date: May 28, 2026 11:37:54 am

I object to the construction of a massive arch that will permanently alter the historic planned view shed that already exists. There has been no Section 106 evaluation, a requirement that should have been fulfilled. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to evaluate the effects of their projects on historic properties. This evaluation process involves consultation with various parties to ensure that preservation concerns are addressed before proceeding with any federal undertaking.

There has been no consideration of alternative locations.

What is the point of this arch? What does it honor? Nothing.

Name: Eric Nelson
Date: May 28, 2026 11:40:35 am

This proposed arch is an abomination.
Out of scale.
Garish.
Unnecessary.

Our nation's capital should reflect the character and history of our democratic experiment...open, inviting and based on the dignity of the individual. This is clearly an attempt by an egotistical, self absorbed, misfit of a president to inflict his "brand" on everything and everyone.

It wouldn't surprise me if he wanted licensing rights and entry fees to line his own corrupt pockets.

I hope that sane minds can put a stop this this.

Name: Theresa Marshall
Date: May 28, 2026 11:41:09 am

As someone with 6 direct relatives buried at Arlington National Cemetery and a person with a sense of history, the proposed Monumental Arch is in direct opposition to the sentiments associated with converting General Lee's home to a national burial ground and establishing a dignified, somber sight line between Lincoln's Memorial and the cemetery. Lincoln was the president that sent the first cemetery inhabitants to their death and he now somberly regards their fate from his perch across the river. This line of sight should never be interrupted and certainly not with a vanity project that does not commemorate anything of substance related to the various wars we have engaged in since the Civil War. I oppose the building of this Memorial Arch or any other thing that would disrupt the sightline between these two national treasures.

Name: Pat Nesbit
Date: May 28, 2026 11:42:25 am

If, we may comment on the use of taxpayer money for the building of this monument, there are far too many more necessary items that would benefit the people of this nation than the construction of this arch.

As an artist who has studied design principles The proposed location of this arch, would aesthetically compromise the current interplay of our cherished monuments and the Arlington cemetery.

Thirdly, we don't need another reminder of this horrific period of time we are currently in.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Patricia Nesbit

Name: Katherine Payne
Date: May 28, 2026 11:42:37 am

Dear National Capital Planning Commission,

In looking at the proposed triumphal arch for Washington, D.C., I am stunned.

I do not think this 250 foot arch in the middle of the capital landscape is at all fitting or in line with the American architectural profile. . Or aligned with the American aesthetic in any manner.

Please register my opposition to this proposed construction.

America can certainly do better if a design and structure is needed.

But perhaps we do not.

Sincerely, Katherine Payne

Name: Judith Norman
Date: May 28, 2026 11:42:59 am

He does not deserve an arch... he has done nothing significant or taken any action that is worthy of such a distinction nor honor. This is an abomination, and should not ever go forward...

Name: Douglas Thayer
Date: May 28, 2026 11:43:53 am

I agree with the President's comments from the National Trust for Historic Preservation that this Arch should not move forward, especially without any real proper review. It should most likely be removed from the docket as a possible Fine Art installment. Thank you.

Name: Mark S. Weinberger
Date: May 28, 2026 11:44:11 am

No!

Name: Carole Morain
Date: May 28, 2026 11:47:19 am

This project is inappropriate in all respects. It is a vanity project for one man's ambition and is a desecration of those who are buried at Arlington.

I do not want my tax dollars to be spent in this way.

Name: Doug Healy
Date: May 28, 2026 11:52:00 am

If this childish shit was good enough for the Nazis, it's good enough for us.

What triumphs are we meant to be celebrating? Most corruption? Lost war? People murdered by cops - & "cops"? Put in concentration camps? Etc. etc. etc.?

[Attachment](#)

Name: Sue Carmichael
Date: May 28, 2026 11:52:56 am

I'm a citizen in this country and I find this arch to be only of the interest to one person. I do not want this arch as it does not represent the people of this United States, but only one untrained mind bereft of information and impulsivity.

Name: Rayanne Staubly
Date: May 28, 2026 11:54:05 am

Any new monuments should be built after a person's time in office by a grateful nation. If a monument is built during a person's time in office, it is nothing more than self-aggrandizement. This is tacky and unwanted expenditure of our taxpayer's money.

Name: Rebecca A. Fellerman
Date: May 28, 2026 11:56:49 am

As an architect with over 30 years experience, and a former resident of DC, I respectfully recommend that the committee refuse approval of the proposed memorial arch. As noted by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the location of the proposed Arch, at Memorial Circle, will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscape vistas in Washington, DC, the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed with a low profile to respect the visual and symbolic vistas connecting the National Mall and National Cemetery. If constructed as planned at the proposed location, the new Triumphal Arch will obscure the intentional axial and aesthetic relationships between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House.

I am also deeply concerned about the unprecedented height and scale of the proposed Triumphal Arch, which will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House. The proposed Arch would be double the size of the Lincoln Memorial and would risk disrespecting this powerful and beloved monument. As such, the Triumphal Arch is inconsistent with the McMillan Plan and subsequent planning decisions that have stewarded the National Mall as a unified composition characterized by long, open, and uninterrupted viewsheds, with a clear hierarchy of monumental elements, that culminates at its western end at the Lincoln Memorial.

In addition, the proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery. The hallowed resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families, Arlington National Cemetery is a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice, selfless service, and national unity, all within sight of the monumental core of the Nation's Capital. Distinguished by the Tomb of the Unknowns, Memorial Avenue, and rolling hillsides of uniform rows of simple headstones, Arlington National Cemetery is a living memorial that honors thirty funeral services each day. The Arch, as proposed, would dominate Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca A. Fellerman, AIA, NCARB, RA

Name: Brenda Ellett
Date: May 28, 2026 12:05:59 pm

Please oppose Trump's planned arch. I am overwhelmed by the disrespect of the idea that the shadow of a draft dodger's arch would fall on the sacred grounds of Arlington National Cemetery. He has already desecrated and destroyed historic parts of The White House in his campaign to turn it into Mar-A-Lago. His disregard for our fallen heroes was demonstrated by him calling them "suckers and losers" while standing right there in the midst of their graves. Please oppose yet another act of Trump's cruelty and vanity. Please oppose the arch.
Thank you.
Sincerely,
Brenda Ellett

Name: Roberta Hyman
Date: May 28, 2026 12:08:29 pm

Please DENY the ARCH. Please preserve the dignity of Historical Places in Washington DC.

Name: Laurie Lepley
Date: May 28, 2026 12:08:51 pm

There is no reason to build this monument. And it certainly doesn't need to be placed where they want it. It will be another eye sore in DC just like the huge ballroom. We need to preserve scale and reference to history in our capitol.

Name: Anita Spanos
Date: May 28, 2026 12:10:14 pm

I, as a taxpayer, am outraged about the current administration's disregard for preserving the history of the great District of Columbia. The needless spending to pay homage to an ideal that is so un-American is beyond aggravating, it will stain our great country's history even more.

Name: Jeni Adair
Date: May 28, 2026 12:11:42 pm

My husband, our two teenage sons, and I visited Washington, DC this past summer. One of the most impactful places we visited was Arlington National Cemetery. My boys are very interested in American History and enjoyed everything about our visit. While many children ran around, our kids were reading almost every placard at every place we visited. We spent an entire day at Arlington, as they're especially interested in America's military history. One of the most impactful views for all of us was looking down the hill to the Lincoln Memorial. The architects of Washington, D.C. put a lot of thought into the design of the city and it reflects our rich history, including not only our successes, but also our struggles. Erecting an arch wanted by a man whom most future generations will very likely view as a disgrace and a dark spot in the history of our great nation spits on the memories of every person who has fought so hard to make this the great nation that it is.

Name: David Berger
Date: May 28, 2026 12:18:00 pm

This should not be built

Name: Jason Irwin
Date: May 28, 2026 12:18:37 pm

Hello,

I consider myself a politically active American, and have been since at the age of 9 I wrote President Reagan, because I heard on the nightly news that many people in western NY were driving to Canada for cheaper gas.

I may not have been a Regan fan, or a Clinton, or George W. Bush fan, but I know that none of these presidents would have had the gall, or hubris to suggest building an arch in their name. The only leaders I can think of are Stalin & Mao.

Please do not waste money (taxpayer, or otherwise), on such a stupid, un-American farce!

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jason Irwin
Pittsburgh PA

Name: Barbara Noble
Date: May 28, 2026 12:19:37 pm

This project has no meaning for the American people. It is a monument by Trump for Trump. It is distasteful and impairs the relationship with the features already in place. The in place features have great meaning for the people of the United States and must not be diminished.

Name: Phyllis Enright
Date: May 28, 2026 12:20:39 pm

The mall and vista in Washington, D.C. were designed on purpose, to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House.

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.

Instead of honoring our heroes, it will take away from memorials that have honored them for years - like the Vietnam Memorial and Arlington Cemetery.

If the president wants a memorial arch for himself, let him build it in Florida.

Name: Chance Shirley
Date: May 28, 2026 12:23:04 pm

Donald Trump is an insurrectionist and a rapist. It’s a travesty that he was allowed to even run for president. He definitely shouldn’t be allowed to spend taxpayer money to build a giant monument to himself. This arch project should NOT go forward.

Name: Jilda Vargus-Adams
Date: May 28, 2026 12:25:32 pm

This arch is an awful idea. It will disrupt the scale and beauty of our national capital. Construction of this arch would be an embarrassing use of funds that could otherwise truly benefit our citizens.

Name: Barbara Sargent
Date: May 28, 2026 12:27:01 pm

The Arch is not in keeping with the flow between Arlington National Cemetery and the rest of the monuments on the DC side. The proposed architecture is not in keeping with American architecture. The proposed monument is too big and way over the top. It is reminiscent of architecture in Berlin and France. We are Americans and there doesn’t need to be a blockage between the national cemetery established after the Civil War to bury our dead. In fact the Lee property was selected to prevent Lee from ever reclaiming the land and promoting his and the southern cause for slavery. Please block this proposed ugly grandiose arch.

Name: Terry Renteria
Date: May 28, 2026 12:27:05 pm

We do not want this monstrosity blocking the view of Arlington cemetery. It’s not needed or wanted by most Americans. Thank you

Name: Megan Lutz
Date: May 28, 2026 12:31:02 pm

The proposed arch is ahistoric and out of scale with its surroundings. It diminishes the nearby Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery and, in its outsized proportions, deprives Arlington of its solemn purpose as a final resting place for our fallen.

I strongly oppose the proposed arch, for its purpose, scale, and location. It should not be built at any cost.

Name: Cathy Koch
Date: May 28, 2026 12:31:56 pm

We write to express our strong opposition to the proposed 250-foot “Triumphal Arch” slated for Memorial Circle between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery, and to urge the National Trust to continue its principled advocacy against this deeply misguided project.

Arlington National Cemetery is not a backdrop — it is consecrated ground. More than 400,000 of America’s fallen service members are buried there. The solemn visual corridor connecting the Lincoln Memorial across the Arlington Memorial Bridge to those hallowed acres has stood for over a century as one of the most meaningful and carefully preserved viewsheds in the entire nation. To erect a 250-foot structure — taller than the Arc de Triomphe by nearly 100 feet — at the very entrance to that sacred space is an act of profound disrespect to the dead and to the living who mourn them.

This proposal bypassed the deliberate, congressionally mandated processes that exist precisely to protect such irreplaceable landscapes. The public has spoken overwhelmingly: at a recent Commission of Fine Arts hearing, 99.5% of over 600 submitted public comments opposed the structure. Vietnam War veterans have gone to federal court to stop it. Members of Congress have introduced legislation to block it permanently. The voice of the American people on this matter could not be clearer.

The National Trust’s own stated concerns — that the arch’s scale and placement will dwarf the Lincoln Memorial and overwhelm the ceremonial entrance to Arlington — are exactly right. No anniversary celebration, however well-intentioned, justifies permanently altering one of America’s most spiritually significant landscapes. There are countless ways to honor 250 years of American independence that do not require bulldozing history and the dignity of the dead.

We urge the National Trust to:

1. Submit forceful written comments to the National Capital Planning Commission ahead of the June 3, 2026 deadline opposing this project.
2. Continue coordinating with veterans’ organizations, preservation advocates, and congressional allies to halt construction.
3. Pursue all available legal and regulatory avenues to ensure that no structure of this kind is erected without full congressional authorization and genuine public consent.

The integrity of our national memory is not a bargaining chip. We are grateful for the National Trust’s leadership on this issue and urge you to hold the line.

Respectfully,
Cathy and James Koch


Name: Jennifer Hayden
Date: May 28, 2026 12:32:50 pm

Do not approve of this monument.

At 250 feet tall, the proposed arch would be double the size of the Lincoln Memorial, overwhelming one of the most historically significant viewsheds in the country and disrespecting the solemn entrance to Arlington National Cemetery — the resting place of 400,000 veterans.

The project also proceeded over the objections of 99.5% of the roughly 600 public comments received, raising serious concerns about whether a structure of this scale, on this hallowed ground, truly reflects the will of the American people it is meant to honor.

Sincerely, Jennifer Hayden

Name: Margo Fenn

Date: May 28, 2026 12:32:55 pm

I concur with the comments submitted by the National Trust for Historic Preservation on this project. The location, height, scale and nature of this arch is completely inappropriate and not in keeping with its historical surroundings. It is a waste of taxpayer money and a monument to one man's ego. It should never be approved.

Name: Kenneth Torp

Date: May 28, 2026 12:34:51 pm

This vanity project of a would-be emperor is tasteless, vulgar, and a desecration of our capital's architectural history. It is important for the Commission to go on the record as opposing it.

Name: Elizabeth Reilly

Date: May 28, 2026 12:36:11 pm

This is the comment I just submitted.

I object to the construction of a massive arch that will permanently alter the historic planned view that already exists. This is a project by a man to glorify only himself for the corruption and treasonous actions he is carrying out. There has been no Section 106 evaluation. There has been no consideration of alternative locations. There has only been the demands made by a man determined to destroy not just the country he is supposed to be leading, but the very history of the country to appease his ego. This project should not be allowed to move forward.

Name: Pamela Benoit

Date: May 28, 2026 12:37:10 pm

I am 1,000% against trump's latest idol to himself which will ruin The Lincoln Memorial and the gateway to Arlington Cemetery. He tore down the East Wing of the White House and put his name on buildings all for the glorification of himself. Ruining our national monuments that are already there is an outrage, and he does it without going through proper channels.

The National Mall and all historical buildings, statues, names belong TO THE PEOPLE! We dissent!

Name: JANICE KING

Date: May 28, 2026 12:38:45 pm

Please do not allow this hideous, gaudy arch to proceed. The fact that it inhibits and taints the view of Arlington should stop it. Our soldiers deserve that respect.

Name: Cyndy Caughron

Date: May 28, 2026 12:43:57 pm

Please NO monumental arch.

Too expensive.

Too polical.

Too pandering.

Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Melissa Heller-Booth

Date: May 28, 2026 12:47:25 pm

This new "Monumental Arch" is nothing more than a vanity project in our nation's capital. It is not only disruptive to the existing architectural arrangement but has no real purpose! I believe President Trump refers to it as a victory arch. What victory? What does it symbolize - other than his ego? This monstrosity should not be built anywhere - let alone in line with the Lincoln Memorial.

Thank you for reading my comments.

Name: Kelly Sellers Wittie

Date: May 28, 2026 12:48:32 pm

I am opposed to the installation of a monumental arch especially at the proposed location. The viewsheds and corridors of the DC area originated with the L'Enfant Plan and continue to the present. Interruption of these historic lines-of-sight is an adverse effect.

Name: Paul Johnsen

Date: May 28, 2026 12:49:12 pm

I don't want any arches. This is unnecessary and a waste of taxpayer funds.

Name: Miciah Hively
Date: May 28, 2026 12:52:45 pm

America doesn't want a glorified arch destroying the entrance to one of the most hollowed grounds in America(Arlington cemetery). Trump is the worst president in the history of America & we as Americans are tired of his vanity projects costing us billions while we can't afford gas, food or housing. Letting a pedophile shape the landscape with all his eye sores is a slap in taxpayers faces. FDT

Name: Gerritt and Elizabeth Baker-Smith
Date: May 28, 2026 12:54:37 pm

We are writing with much concern - and yes, a degree of horror and disgust - at the President's plan to build a huge, domineering arch inbetween the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation in the United States ("National Trust") is a private charitable, educational, nonprofit corporation headquartered in Washington, D.C. and chartered by Congress in 1949 to further the historic preservation policy of the United States. 54 U.S.C. § 312102(a). The National Trust(chartered by Congress in 1949) with a specific duty to "facilitate public participation in the preservation of sites, buildings, and objects of national significance or interest."We are adding our voices to their comments respectfully submitted comments concerning the current proposal by the Executive Office of the President and the U.S. Department of the Interior to construct a new Triumphal Arch at Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. We urge the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts ("CFA") to consider these comments in connection with its responsibility under the Commemorative Works Act, following consultation with the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission, to approve site and design proposals for commemorative works so that such works do not "interfere with, or encroach on, an existing commemorative work and to the maximum extent practicable, protect open space, existing public use, and cultural and natural resources." We would also remind the members of the CFA that the Commemorative Works Act requires the project to be approved by Congress.After reviewing the revised concept plans that have been submitted to CFA, the National Trust remains concerned about the location, height, scale, and design of the proposed Triumphal Arch, the manner in which it interferes with existing commemorative works and fails to protect existing public uses and cultural resources. Notwithstanding comments and recommendations by Commission members at the April 2026 meeting, the modifications to the proposal have been minimal. Most notably, the 68-foot-high sculpture at the top of the proposed Arch has not been removed or reduced, contrary to the Commissioners' recommendation.The location of the proposed Arch, at Memorial Circle, will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscape vistas in Washington, DC, the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed with a low profile to respect the visual and symbolic vistas connecting the National Mall and National Cemetery. If constructed as planned at the proposed location, the new Triumphal Arch will obscure the intentional axial and aesthetic relationships between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House.The National Trust is also deeply concerned about the unprecedented height and scale of the proposed Triumphal Arch, which will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House. The proposed Arch would be double the size of the Lincoln Memorial and would risk disrespecting this powerful and beloved monument. As such, the Triumphal Arch is inconsistent with the McMillan Plan and subsequent planning decisions that have stewarded the National Mall as a unified composition characterized by long, open, and uninterrupted viewsheds, with a clear hierarchy of monumental elements, that culminates at its western end at the Lincoln Memorial.In addition, the proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery. The hallowed resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families, Arlington National Cemetery is a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice, selfless service, and national unity, all within sight of the monumental core of the Nation's Capital. Distinguished by the Tomb of the Unknowns, Memorial Avenue, and rolling hillsides of uniform rows of simple headstones, Arlington National Cemetery is a living memorial that honors thirty funeral services each day. The Arch, as proposed, would dominate Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers.Finally, it is important to note that review of the proposal under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act has not yet been initiated. We understand that the National Park Service will be initiating Section 106 consultation soon, but the statute mandates that the review process be completed "prior to" approval of the project. 54 U.S.C. § 306108. In addition, based on past experience with Section 106 consultation in the National Capitol region, the proposed plans will be improved in response to the collaborative review and comments from the expert professional staff of the involved agencies, including the Commission itself. We urge the Commission members to await the Section 106 process, which has not yet been initiated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Nora Wolfe
Date: May 28, 2026 12:58:28 pm

We are an all Navy family. We are all vehemently opposed to this arch. The view of Arlington is ment to inspire love and appreciation of our family members and neighbors who rose to the occasion to defend our country. This special place was never meant to honor or salute a single individual. Don't let us start now. NO to this disgraceful arch.

Name: Dawn Dwyer
Date: May 28, 2026 12:58:47 pm

At a time when people are struggling to pay for groceries and gas this is a horrible use of tax dollars.
Not to mention the impact on the current
Beautiful view and solemnness of the purposed build site.
Please don't allow this arch to be built.
Thank you for your time.
Dawn Marie Dwyer
Stacy, Minnesota

Name: Padraic McGrath
Date: May 28, 2026 1:00:00 pm

The last thing our country needs is a vanity project for the president. The Arch is unnecessary, costly, and adds nothing to our country. Please don't allow the temporary resident of 1600 Pennsylvania to permanently alter our capital any more.

Name: Lynne Brown
Date: May 28, 2026 1:02:52 pm

I am opposed to the building of this arch for several reasons: economic (how can we spend this money when the Iran war is taking up \$1B per day, aesthetic (it's ugly), and historic (The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.) Do not allow the administration to build this arch!!!

Name: Patricia Cousineau
Date: May 28, 2026 1:03:59 pm

Please stop Trump from constructing the monumental arch. It is just one more attempt to build monuments to himself and it destroys the views that have been cherished in Washington DC for years. It has no place in our capital. It is one more ego project that needs to be stopped. He does not have the right to re-design our nation's capital.

Name: Carolyn King
Date: May 28, 2026 1:04:41 pm

Interferes with view of Arlington

Name: Judith Manning
Date: May 28, 2026 1:07:17 pm

The proposed Arch would totally disrupt the sight line between Arlington National Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial, and would be an insult to the soldiers who are buried at Arlington. It's a disgusting personal glorification attempt by Trump, and must be stopped. This is not how the Washington, D.C. architectural landscape was ever envisioned..

Name: Robert Knopes
Date: May 28, 2026 1:08:53 pm

I am firmly against the construction of this obscenity. It is ugly, gross, out-of-proportion to its surroundings, and celebrates nothing but the poor taste of its primary supporter. Please, please, vote against it.

Name: Carol White
Date: May 28, 2026 1:15:04 pm

I am strongly opposed to the building of the New Monumental Arch. It does not appear to fit into the existing landscape in any meaningful way. The view to Arlington National Cemetery should not be diminished as this is a truly sacred place. Please do not approve this project. Thank you.

Name: Kathryn Littlepage
Date: May 28, 2026 1:15:41 pm

There is absolutely no need for bringing this obscene vanity project anywhere near these hallowed grounds just to inflate the delicate ego of this severely disturbed president.

Name: Steve Goodell
Date: May 28, 2026 1:16:24 pm

The proposed arch would be a huge blemish on the city of Washington DC. It is out of scale with the surroundings and would block sight lines to existing national historic sites.

The project must not be approved.

Name: Janet Whaley
Date: May 28, 2026 1:20:44 pm

For all of the well stated practical, aesthetic and historical reasons stated by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, I would urge the Commissioners to follow their own stated procedures and legal obligations of due process for this unnecessary and ill-conceived monumental arch.

Name: Fred White
Date: May 28, 2026 1:22:22 pm

The Monumental Arch should NOT be built. It is a waste of money that could be spent to care for existing monuments. Trump has proposed this as another monument to himself and has not respected that our national monuments represent the people of the US. Endeavors of this sort should come from the people, not be imposed on the people from a self serving President.

Name: Teresa Burch
Date: May 28, 2026 1:26:25 pm

The National Mall has been a beautiful wonder as it is for all these years. There is absolutely zero need or excuse for an arch, which isn't a glory to anyone but the person who has decided that we need it. Just like the painting of the reflecting pool, it will just be another stain on the people's land.

Name: Susan Samuels
Date: May 28, 2026 1:26:47 pm

This is an abomination, I am married to a veteran and this would harm the view of Arlington Cemetery. The cemetery deserves the respect. It is not about TRUMP, it is about our Veterans.

Name: Laura Smith
Date: May 28, 2026 1:26:56 pm

No arch, it is not wanted or needed. It will destroy the lovely serene setting that already exists. It is needless damage and ugliness!

Name: Jacqueline Briscoe
Date: May 28, 2026 1:28:46 pm

The look and size of the arch is offensive and overbearing. It takes over the landscape not in a good way. It's more bordello chic. Based on every poll I've seen American taxpayers do not want it. We are paying for it; shouldn't we have a say? And more personally I find it repugnant that someone builds something in their own honor.
Quote from NPR "When journalists asked him who the arch was meant to commemorate or be for, he pointed to himself and replied, "Me".

Name: Janet OBrien
Date: May 28, 2026 1:29:48 pm

Please vote NO on the Trump Arch. It will ruin the view and the meaning of the space between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington. DC was laid out with so much thought and planning and symbolism. This arch is just a monument to power, wealth and greed and Trump's ego. Monuments are for Presidents who are dead and revered. Not this one. It is just another vanity project and you must stand up for DC and all it represents. Someday this guy will be gone. Let's not leave a stain

Name: Gary Langston
Date: May 28, 2026 1:31:35 pm

Please see attached PDF. Thank you for the opportunity to comment!

- Gary Langston Jr
[REDACTED]

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Name: Mark Lemley
Date: May 28, 2026 1:31:51 pm

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on another Trump desecration of our National Capital. My father, a retired Air Force Colonel and combat pilot who served in three wars and was a POW in Stalag Luft I, is buried in the Arlington National Cemetery. I am a frequent visitor to Arlington and am quite familiar with the horrific impact this arch proposal would visit upon the cemetery. This proposal would be a disgusting intrusion on the scared ground that is Arlington.

It is particularly cynical that Trump, a draft dodger who calls our service men and women, 'Suckers and Losers' would be proposing this vanity project to himself. If built, it will be torn down as soon as Trump is impeached.

I hope you will do the right thing both for our nation's capital and our honorable veterans interred in this sacred place.

Sincerely,

Mark Lemley
Sunriver, Oregon

Name: Connie DuPre
Date: May 28, 2026 1:32:50 pm

This arch is unnecessary, costly, and inspired by the megalomania of the current president. Its chosen site will ruin the view. It is unAmerican to so honor a living, sitting president who resorts to name calling and lying statements, and one who either ignores or circumvents the laws and rules laid down by our founders and wiser people than he. If he had his way our country would be called the United Trump States of America. For heaven's sake, don't give him that idea! And stop this tack abomination.

Name: M P
Date: May 28, 2026 1:34:23 pm

This will never make your fathers love you. Nothing will.

Name: Vanessa Harmon
Date: May 28, 2026 1:35:11 pm

This is an absolutely ridiculous waste of public money and time. We the people do not want ego driven monuments in our nations capital. Highly oppose.

Name: Jon Tronc
Date: May 28, 2026 1:37:06 pm

I am asking you to reject the building of a new monumental arch that will dwarf the Lincoln Memorial and block the view of Arlington Cemetery. Our military veterans buried at Arlington do not deserve to be hidden behind this new arch. Please do not go forward with this project.
Thank you.

Name: Jim Santo
Date: May 28, 2026 1:37:45 pm

Disgusting. Abominable. A monument to a tin-pot dictator's vanity. It should not, must not be approved! If approved, it must never be built! If built, this fascist montrosity must be demolished as soon as this criminal is driven from public life.

Name: Ron Hogan
Date: May 28, 2026 1:38:09 pm

Triumphal arches are for kings and emperors. We, the people, do not need an ugly remnant of outdated authoritarian symbolism taking up space in our capital. Our nation is itself, or should be, the most effective representation of our greatness as a people, rather than some gaudy construct.

Name: Janet Gould
Date: May 28, 2026 1:38:43 pm

I strongly oppose building an arch that would block the view between Arlington National Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial. This space is sacred and should be left as it is especially if any tax dollars are going to be used for it. With the state of our economy, we should be focusing on helping people afford to live - NOT build another unnecessary monument.

Name: Sarah Trembanis
Date: May 28, 2026 1:38:56 pm

This Arch would be an affront to the existing memorials and an extraordinary waste of money. There is no need for it and the commission should consider the objections of veteran groups and locals.

Name: Wayne Rutherford
Date: May 28, 2026 1:41:59 pm

This proposed arch is a disgusting attempt at appeasing one man's vanity. The project, itself, is an affront to everything the nation was founded on and the way it is trying to be pushed through is a desecration of our Constitution. We can not and we will not sit idly by as a wannabe dictator thinks he gets to decide that he deserves monuments celebrating his ineptitude and vain ambitions. The People do not need, nor want, this arch.

Name: Gloria Johnson
Date: May 28, 2026 1:43:09 pm

Gloria Johnson
[REDACTED]
La Selva Beach, CA 95076
May 28, 2026

National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street, NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Concerns Regarding the Proposed Monumental Arch**

Dear Members of the Commission,

I am writing to express serious concerns about the proposed Monumental Arch and its impact on the integrity of the National Mall and its surrounding memorials. While I appreciate the desire to honor American achievement, I believe this project, as currently designed, would cause lasting harm to one of our most sacred civic landscapes.

****The Arch Would Overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial****

The Lincoln Memorial stands as one of the most beloved and architecturally significant structures in the United States. Its scale and setting were carefully conceived to convey solemnity, humility, and the weight of Lincoln's legacy. A monumental arch of the proposed dimensions would dwarf this iconic structure, fundamentally disrupting the visual hierarchy of the Mall and diminishing the memorial's presence in the landscape. No new construction should subordinate a monument of such historical and emotional importance to the American people.

****The View Corridor to Arlington National Cemetery Must Be Protected****

The sightline from the Lincoln Memorial across the Potomac to Arlington National Cemetery is not merely scenic — it is deeply symbolic. It connects the president who preserved the Union with the ground where soldiers of that same Union are laid to rest. This view represents the nation's long and difficult journey toward healing after the Civil War. To obstruct it with a new structure would sever a meaningful and irreplaceable visual and historical bond that Americans have honored for over a century.

****The Design Elements Are Inappropriate for This Setting****

I must also raise concern about the reported gold statuary proposed for the top of the arch. The memorials of the National Mall share a common language of restraint, dignity, and timelessness. Gilded statues would strike a discordant note entirely out of keeping with this tradition, and would risk reducing a solemn civic space to spectacle. The Mall deserves design choices that will be respected and cherished by future generations, not ones that prioritize visual extravagance over meaning.

I urge the Commission to carefully weigh these concerns and to prioritize the preservation of the Mall's character, its historic view corridors, and the dignity of its existing memorials. I would welcome the opportunity to provide further comment during the public review process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Gloria Johnson
[REDACTED]

Name: Mike Tatro
Date: May 28, 2026 1:44:50 pm

This proposed monument is a tragic misuse of public funds. It is objectively ugly. Furthermore, it obscures views of both the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery. Please kill this project with great prejudice.

Name: Leah Egelanian
Date: May 28, 2026 1:46:09 pm

I oppose the proposed Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle because it would fundamentally disrupt one of the most historically and symbolically important landscapes in Washington, D.C. The existing open vista between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery was intentionally designed to represent national unity and reconciliation after the Civil War. Placing a massive triumphal arch in this location would overwhelm that solemn space and diminish the experience of entering Arlington Cemetery, where over 400,000 veterans and family members are laid to rest.

Arlington should remain a place of reflection, humility, and remembrance...not dominated by a monumental structure that changes the scale and character of the surrounding memorial landscape. I urge the NCPD to reject this proposal and preserve the integrity, symbolism, and historic viewshed of Memorial Circle and Arlington National Cemetery for future generations.

Name: Caroline Malloy
Date: May 28, 2026 1:49:27 pm

I agree with the position of the National Trust that in scale, design, process, and intent, the Triumphal Arch should not be constructed. It serves no national purpose other than to exist for its own sake to the detriment and diminishment of national monuments honoring important people in our national history, especially the soldiers buried at Arlington. This arch is celebratory of nothing in particular except (as likely intended) the person erecting it. Such arches have a history going back to ancient Rome, and were erected to celebrate specific military triumphs (hence the name) by emperors, eventually emperors. They could be erected in Rome as proof of that individual's triumphs in the city center, or they could be erected in the provinces in homage (and to curry favor with) the emperor in Rome. Fundamentally, triumphal arches celebrate leaders. The one in DC, aside from dishonoring and diminishing the national capital, diminishes and dishonors the United States in honoring an (aspirational) imperial leader.

Name: Matthew Champion
Date: May 28, 2026 1:50:01 pm

This is a monument to a wannabe dictator. Nobody can afford to live in this country, this administration is destroying the economy beyond repair. Under no circumstances should this be built.

Name: Deborah Maute
Date: May 28, 2026 1:51:41 pm

To Whom It May Concern,
I'll keep this short and simple. No. It's too big and too gaudy.
Thank you,
Deborah Maute

Name: Kat O'Brien
Date: May 28, 2026 1:52:35 pm

This proposed monumental arch would be a travesty, disrupting historic and precious views in and around Washington. Its proposed style is garish and gaudy, an affront to all with any sense of taste or class.

Name: Marlene Carey
Date: May 28, 2026 1:52:55 pm

I feel very strongly that this monument should NOT be built in Washington, DC. All of the previous monuments and memorials are honoring distinguished people from our country's past who have made amazing contributions to our country. These include Arlington Cemetery, all of the beautiful War Memorials, monuments to past respected presidents and people who have fought for our freedoms. As we are fighting again for these rights and our honor as a country, we should not be honoring the ones taking these away from us. This president has put his name on enough of our sites that honor our past (the Kennedy Center, for one). All of these have been added honoring the past of these people, not BY these people for their own glory. Please, please stop this from happening.

Name: Kathleen Gallion
Date: May 28, 2026 1:52:59 pm

I do not want this gaudy, ugly monstrosity to be built. Not with or without my tax payer dollars. I don't want DC to be a tribute to a pedophile and the most corrupt president in history of America.

Name: Christy Morris
Date: May 28, 2026 1:55:30 pm

I am writing today to appeal to the commissions sense of responsibility and trust. The proposed Arch is not in keeping with the area or with the sacredness of Arlington National Cemetery. Our Veterans that are solomley inturned at the Arlington National Cemetery deserve more respect and honor than to have the Arch disrespect and disrupt the entire area surrounding this hollowed ground.

I am appealing to your sense of service and consideration for the Arch not to be approved. It would be an abomination to the people that are buried at Arlington National Cemetery and the entire area. OUR capital is for all and not a vanity project, it is for everyone in our country to bear witness to history and respect for our democracy.
Thank You for considering my comment and concerns.

Name: Tara Dorenkamp
Date: May 28, 2026 1:55:44 pm

I am feeling completely aghast at the absurd arch, supposedly, being built for Trump. He isn't triumphant in anything except fanning the flames of bigotry, cruelty, and hatred among the peoples of our great nation. It's an affront to the soldiers who have given there lives for the UNITED States of America.

Name: Lynn McDaniels
Date: May 28, 2026 1:56:18 pm

I am strongly opposed to the « Monumental Arch » being considered for Washington DC. I agree, and strongly endorse, the position as stated by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Please do not allow this project to move forward.

Name: Gloria Picchetti
Date: May 28, 2026 1:56:31 pm

The proposed Arch is a disgrace to our veterans.

Name: andrew lewis
Date: May 28, 2026 1:57:52 pm

This fascist trash wasn't even good-looking in the original German. We should not desecrate the timeless beauty of Washington for the vanity of one pathetic narcissist.

Name: Sally Winn
Date: May 28, 2026 1:58:27 pm

I am totally opposed to this outlandish and oversized arch. Our country doesn't need a wannabe Arc de Triomphe in our capital city. Washington, D.C. is already a testament to the history and good taste of our country. This arch would be nothing but another grandiose display of federal and, in this case, individual presidential power, that is utterly inappropriate for a nation in which THE PEOPLE RULE. The proposed arch is way out of proportion to its site and mars the already deeply-considered design of the original planners of the capital and its monuments.

PLEASE PREVENT THIS PROPOSAL FROM MOVING FORWARD. It is an insult to our values and our history.

Thank you.

Name: Arturo Magidin
Date: May 28, 2026 2:03:56 pm

I am opposed to this project. The project's size and location disturb current monuments and their symbolism; the arch would frame the former home of confederate general (and traitor) Robert E. Lee, while blocking the view of Arlington Cemetery. It would be a boastful monument at the entrance of a solemn resting place. It is out of place, out of proportion, and in bad taste.

There is little doubt that this is not a monument to the nation, but rather to the insatiable ego of one man: the current president of the United States, who also happens to have extremely poor taste in art and architecture; he things "golden" and "large" is a substitute for taste.

This project should be rejected, or at the very least held over until it can be reviewed by a truly independent body, and until it is approved by Congress.

Name: Taulby Edmondson
Date: May 28, 2026 2:04:35 pm

I know it is likely futile to point out how outrageous and unAmerican it is for a sitting president to build a giant European empire style triumphal arch to himself, but perhaps someone, ANYONE, would like to better understand the symbolic view this monstrosity will obstruct, and what it has meant to past generations. Please read this quote from President James Garfield at the first official Memorial Day, May 30, 1868, in Arlington National Cemetery. The New Monumental Arch will obstruct the exact view from the Capitol Building to Arlington National Cemetery that Garfield describes so eloquently below:

"Seen from the western slope of our Capitol, in direction, distance, and appearance, this spot is not unlike the Vatican Mount; though the river that flows at our feet is larger than a hundred Tibers. Seven years ago, this was the home of one who lifted his sword against the life of his country, and who became the great Imperator of the rebellion. The soil beneath our feet was watered by the tears of slaves, in whose hearts the sight of yonder proud Capitol awakened no pride and inspired no hope. The face of the goddess that crowns it was turned towards the sea and not towards them. But, thanks be to God, this arena of rebellion and slavery is a scene of violence and crime no longer! This will be forever the sacred mountain of our Capital. Here is our temple; its pavement is the sepulcher of heroic hearts; its dome, the bending heaven; its altar candles, the watching stars."

Name: Juanita Rsy
Date: May 28, 2026 2:05:31 pm

I am wholeheartedly against this project. One administration should not be allowed to remake our beloved DC in their twisted image.

Name: Elaine Hanson
Date: May 28, 2026 2:05:46 pm

This "monument" arch will be a blight on the existing architecture of our nation's capital. It is an unnecessary, expensive, and useless vanity project when funds for our cities and citizens are low. Construction will disrupt an already congested traffic area of D.C.

I urge the Commission to reject this useless project outright. There has been enough destruction of our beautiful capital city and its treasured monuments. We don't need one more avoidable expense on an irrational project.

There is NO NEED nor REASON for this arch.

Name: Jeff Quarles
Date: May 28, 2026 2:12:31 pm

The entire concept is poor.
The location is disrespectful to Arlington Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial.
The design is loud garish and in poor taste. Also disproportionate for the proposed location.
The cost can hardly be justified in light of the present economic conditions nationally.

The process is illegal. Go to Congress. Get proper legislation.
Or better yet - Don't. Don't do anything. Quash this horrible idea.

Name: James Draper
Date: May 28, 2026 2:13:13 pm

I am strongly opposed to the construction of this new arch. It disrupts existing memorials such as the Vietnam War Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial. Furthermore, its construction is political in nature and meant to please the president rather than serve any public good. The design is tacky and would drastically change the landscape and views. Finally, it represents a waste in tax payer funds. The president has already torn up parts of the White House and the reflecting pool, and is further destroying D.C. with this arch.

Name: David King
Date: May 28, 2026 2:13:31 pm

The New Monumental Arch is a carpicious item that does not address the American history or dream in a meaningful way. It is clearly the whim of the executive branch and as such in appropriate in every way.

Name: Ari James
Date: May 28, 2026 2:14:14 pm

I am writing to ask the Commission to reject this proposed project. It requires Congressional authorization, which has not occurred. Further, the NPS is required to complete Section 106 consultation before any approval of the project, not concurrently. For both of these reasons, the Commission must pause or scrap this project. Finally, as a worker in DC who has lived in the area for decades, I would be personally offended to see our skyline disrupted by a vanity project to serve the ego of one man, which is inconsistent with the solemn memorials on either side of the proposed corridor.

Name: Marjorie Portwood
Date: May 28, 2026 2:14:34 pm

This arch should not be built. Besides ruining the skyline and views of our beautiful capital it would honor someone who for many reasons is not worthy of that honor.

Name: Daisy Copher
Date: May 28, 2026 2:14:56 pm

I am strongly against this Arch. It it now needed. This President is bankrolling the US. We (the people) are not doing well. We are taxed out

Name: Laurie Kipp
Date: May 28, 2026 2:15:12 pm

Keep the landscape and view as it has been and don't approve an unnecessary arch. The money for this project is a huge waste of taxpayer money and could be better utilized for medical coverage for so many people. Trump needs no more statutes, buildings, etc. The Reflecting Pond was a waste of money as is the ballroom. I thought he was for fiscal responsibility? His presidency has certainly proved he is not!

Name: Joanne Schiefer
Date: May 28, 2026 2:15:22 pm

This project is a waste of taxpayer money for Trump vanity. It is also an insult to our veterans . It should not be approved . President Trump has done enough damage to our National monuments. Enough!!

Name: Nathan Alderman
Date: May 28, 2026 2:15:37 pm

This monumental boondoggle is a needless affront to the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. We already have a triumphal arch in the United States, in New York City. We don't need another one plopped in the nation's capital, especially at the whim of a single man who, lest we all forget, is an adjudicated rapist, a felon convicted on 34 counts of financial fraud, the longtime best friend of the world's most notorious superpedophhle (and credibly accused of assaulting numerous women, including at least one teenaged girl), and the twice-impeached fomenter of the attack on the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021.

No one wants this except the President. No one asked for this except the President. And the President, last I checked, was not a king, and did not have his every whim granted at the public expense.

Name: Brenda Baker
Date: May 28, 2026 2:16:36 pm

The proposed "Triumphal Arch" is a monstrosity. I am adamantly opposed to construction of a new structure that not only disrupts the viewshed between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery, a carefully constructed connection between the president who placed unity of our nation over division and those who gave their lives to ensure it. The framing of the former home of General Robert E. Lee is a chilling signal that aggrandizes and memorializes this traitor to the USA. The proposed arch is disruptive not only because it disrupts this connection and sightline, but because its scale dwarfs the Lincoln Memorial and the gold statue atop it poses a risk to air traffic at Reagan National airport that is already dangerous. This arch must not be approved.

Name: Jennifer Hardy
Date: May 28, 2026 2:21:52 pm

The arche is not aesthetically appropriate for the area. It dominates over, instead of enhancing the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. Not to mention the cost, which is not completely covered by donors. It is a gaudy knockoff of the Arc de Triomphe and should not be allowed.

Name: Virginia Rogers
Date: May 28, 2026 2:24:34 pm

I'm appalled about the construction of this arch, which will desecrate the sacred ground where our heroes are buried, including my parents. No longer will we be able to see the aura of the Eternal Flame at President Kennedy's grave or the illuminated Arlington House on the hill in the evening. It is abhorrent that our felon president thinks he is on equal footing with our heroes.

Name: Neil Murphy
Date: May 28, 2026 2:25:10 pm

This is clearly the vanity project of one man, who wants to use our money to build a monument to himself because he has forgotten that he serves us.

This man doesn't respect consent (see: destruction of the people's White House without permission). This man has tried to put his face on our currency, our passports, defiled the Lincoln Memorial's reflecting pool by awarding a contract of grift to his friend to paint it blue, and plastered banners of his face around DC.

This arch does not serve the American people. It serves one man, who is not entitled to it, nor has he ever been. The arch would dwarf Arlington National Cemetery and destroy carefully planned sight lines, stealing the focus from the most solemn location in our nation, to refocus it on one man with a bottomless void where his father's love should have been.

Absolutely no.

Name: Steve Frevert
Date: May 28, 2026 2:25:35 pm

I agree with the concerns raised by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. This ridiculous vanity project would be a blight on America's most important and revered landscape and should speedily be consigned to the ash heap where it belongs.

Name: Louise ONeill
Date: May 28, 2026 2:31:33 pm

Hitler had one...trump does not deserve this...and it's disrespectful to the vets buried at Arlington national they died fighting nazis...wtf is wrong with u people..tell him fkn NO NO NO

Name: Eric Hamburg
Date: May 28, 2026 2:32:33 pm

This proposed arch along with all of the other projects that President Trump is attempting to undertake without congressional approval or appropriate review is unacceptable. He is defacing Washington DC to self aggrandize his own ego. This must not be allowed.

Name: Sharon Christian
Date: May 28, 2026 2:33:09 pm

The "arch" degrades the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery and those who lie in rest there. It disturbs the surrounding areas and prevents to all important view from the Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial. It's gargantuan size does nothing to promote respect and honor for what this country once held as sacrosanct. It's simply an homage to one man's grandiose desire to erect monuments mostly to and for himself. Taxpayers have already been forced to accommodate with our tax dollars to his ballroom, the Reflecting Pool, numerous decorative fountains, a golf course, while enduring his mugshot over Federal buildings as if he were Stalin. I object to the trumpazation of OUR Nation's Capital.

Name: Rainey Hufstetler
Date: May 28, 2026 2:33:40 pm

The design and placement of this arch is intended to serve the ego of one man, and does nothing to serve or support the Us taxpayers who will be forced to fund it. The design destroys the existing and intentional connection to the Lincoln monument and instead amplifies the Confederacy in its placement. I did not personally fight in the Civil War but theoretically we defeated the Confederacy and I do not want my tax money being spent to rewrite history and promote white nationalism. If Trump wants an arch, he can use the billions he's earned while in office and build it himself in Florida.

Name: Michelle Ellett
Date: May 28, 2026 2:33:49 pm

As Americans, I believe we do not celebrate war and and the triumph of war. I don't want an Arc de Triumph on the Washington Mall.

Name: Erin Jackson
Date: May 28, 2026 2:36:50 pm

This arch should NOT be built. It is a waste of tax payer money and it significantly interferes with existing, more important, national monuments.

Name: Pamela Howell
Date: May 28, 2026 2:36:51 pm

This arch is devoid of meaning and beauty. It's clear that the urban planning of the city of Washington DC has not been considered. If you wanted to represent Trump and his administration then it would be a huge hole with dead bodies in it.

Name: John Tierney
Date: May 28, 2026 2:37:07 pm

I would like to submit my serious and immediate concerns regarding the proposed New Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Washington, DC.

First, I cannot myself write a better, more extensive, and more professional objection to the project than the statement already made by Carol Quillen, President and CEO of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

To add such a large and ill-placed monument to such a sacred space is both unneeded and overbearing. I heartily agree with the statements from the National Trust and believe any such addition to that location should not be approved.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
John J. Tierney
Huntington, New York.

Name: Barbara Roach
Date: May 28, 2026 2:37:07 pm

I object to this project for reasons of traffic disruption (while constructing the Arch), traffic disruption once built (pedestrians crossing a traffic circle you currently take your life in your hands just driving through!?) and finally I object the size of this "monument" which will disrupt current sight lines between Arlington National Cemetery and The Lincoln memorial.

Beyond all that it is a waste of taxpayers money as it feeds the ego of a sitting president rather than celebrating the works and sacrifices of past Americans and as do most other statues and Monuments currently in our Nations's Capital.

Name: Cindy Schuler
Date: May 28, 2026 2:38:06 pm

We do not need yet another Trump vanity project in the shape of a monumental arch which will not only change the landscape of the existing monuments, but will be a waste of taxpayer money that could be used to support the people instead of satisfying the ego of a president who is not serving the people but instead his never ending need for glorifying his presidency. We do not need another monument, nor a ballroom. Please do not allow this president to waste taxpayer money and to change the landscape of some of our most cherished sites in DC. The people of this country have been punished by this administration by cutting services to the needy, by allowing taxpayer funds to be diverted to projects that do not benefit the people. Please do not allow this to happen. The money can best be used to restore services that truly need the funds.

Name: Cynthia Diloretto
Date: May 28, 2026 2:39:48 pm

No to the monument arch overshadowing the very grave site of Arlington.

It has always been a joy to walk the bridge to Arlington to visit our true American heros who gave their lives to our nation.

Do not let such a wonderful place be disgraced by such a gauche and insulting structure.

Thank you,

Respectfully yours, Cynthia DiLoretto

Name: Colleen Redding
Date: May 28, 2026 2:40:35 pm

The planned arch would waste taxpayer money and obstruct views from the Washington monument across the River to the national cemetery, an insult to all veterans and their families. Furthermore, the planned arch is ugly and unAmerican.

Name: Dianne Milke
Date: May 28, 2026 2:41:12 pm

Respectfully and frankly, I find the proposed arch disrespectful to the fallen and those we pay tribute to. Whether its placement is as proposed, or anywhere in DC, it would be a mockery to the many memorials and solemn resting place of those who courageously defended this country. It is tremendously out of scale, gaudy, and a waste of funding. My first visit to DC was as an adult, and I distinctly recall being impressed with all the greenbelts and parks. It is difficult to envision a monstrous arch adding positive value to our nation's capitol.

Name: Jennifer Reingold
Date: May 28, 2026 2:41:46 pm

This is an affront to anyone who has ever a) lived in Washington b) studied architecture or history c) walks upright (actually on all fours as well).

It is gauche, wrong for the space, and representative of a shameful era in US history.

Name: Patricia O'Connor
Date: May 28, 2026 2:42:51 pm

I oppose the construction of the monumental arch. It is a monumental expense and a disruption of the architectural symbolism for which Washington DC is famous. This is an unnecessary, ego-driven project. The money could be better spent on education, Healthcare, or anything else that would serve the people. Please stop the arch.

Name: Marge Grie
Date: May 28, 2026 2:44:04 pm

The USA and the World does Not need any more monuments to tRump. Because that's what it is. The current view from Lincoln to the cemetery Must Not Be Obscured. It is sacred and must remain so. There has been so much desecration to our country by tRump. We The People deserve the view as it is and as it was designed. Please find your spines and say NO! to this desecration.

Name: Carolyn Jones
Date: May 28, 2026 2:44:47 pm

Please stop this proposed TACKY TRASHY arch to dictator Trump. The lovely vista that defines Washington DC toward & back from Arlington would forever be damaged. It demeans our war dead. You can't buy CLASS as Trump demonstrates.

Name: Matt Oerding
Date: May 28, 2026 2:47:11 pm

As an American and veteran I absolutely am against the idea of a triumphant arch. America was founded on the ideas of liberty and freedom, not the conquest of a king or empire. This is a waste of taxpayer money and should not move forward.

Name: Deborah Burke
Date: May 28, 2026 2:47:47 pm

Absolutely not!
Washington DC should represent all Americans in the classic and clean style it always has. One man's tacky, gold-plated taste should not be allowed to change the simple beauty of our capital. This is the behavior of an egotistical dictator. DC should reflect America, not trump. (And his having complete say over who serves on the Arch board proves that Trump alone is in charge)

Name: Anna cupito
Date: May 28, 2026 2:49:03 pm

As a longtime resident of the District of Columbia, I'm absolutely appalled at the proposed "monumental arch." It's a ghastly vanity project being foisted onto the taxpayers, and I welcome the opportunity to offer public comment before actual construction begins. After the destruction of the East Wing, we saw how little this administration values basic rules and norms, and it's important that all comments are thoroughly reviewed in this instance.

As any visitor to the area can see, there is a visually significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. 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.

This Arc de Trump is an insult to this national monument and cannot be approved.

Name: Lilian Mullane
Date: May 28, 2026 2:49:53 pm

I am opposed to any monument to a living president. These are meant to be memorials to great presidents, not every president merits one in DC. Please respect the values these memorials stand for and prevent this ego demonstration.

Name: Holly Quick
Date: May 28, 2026 2:52:16 pm

I am opposed to the new monumental arch proposal. The arch would be too big, out of proportion with the other structures in the area. Most concerning, it would block the view of Arlington National Cemetery, a site sacred to many. The arch as proposed is out of scale for Memorial Circle, and should not be built.

Name: Lisa Coolidge
Date: May 28, 2026 2:54:43 pm

Building this arch would annihilate the historic importance of the view between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. It is, also, highly disrespectful of the veterans and others buried there.

Name: Pamela Cole
Date: May 28, 2026 2:56:42 pm

NO! NO! NO! NO! NO! Everything about this is insulting, disgusting, and wasteful! We need NO MORE reminders of Trump in this city, and the cost to tax-payers is WASTE, FRAUD, and ABUSE!!!

If you build it, we will tear it down to the ground the minute the man is gone, so don't waste our taxes!

Name: Barbaara Brunson
Date: May 28, 2026 2:59:55 pm

To: National Capital Planning Commission

I strongly oppose CFA 21/MAY/26-1, the Revised Concept for a New Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. I write as a daughter, daughter-in-law, and spouse of veterans interred at Arlington National Cemetery; my family's connection to ANC gives me a personal stake in preserving its dignity, context, and historic character that honors those who served.

Objections:

Legal: The proposal appears to violate the Commemorative Works Act—no documented consultation with the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission or congressional authorization is shown.

Historic harm: The arch would intrude on a nationally significant designed landscape, disrupt key sightlines and axial relationships, and diminish ANC's contemplative setting.

Safety: Memorial Circle is a high-traffic convergence with complex merges, weaves, and multiple pedestrian/bicycle crossings; blocking sightlines will worsen congestion and increase safety risks for drivers, cyclists, pedestrians, and funeral processions.

Alternatives and mitigation lacking: The Revised Concept provides no thorough alternatives analysis, cumulative-effects evaluation, or enforceable mitigation and stewardship commitments.

Requested actions:

Deny approval in its current form.

Require documented compliance with the Commemorative Works Act (NCMA Commission consultation and congressional approval as applicable).

Require an independent, comprehensive traffic and safety study addressing sightlines, merge/weave operations, pedestrian/bicycle crossings, and funeral procession impacts.

Require a full alternatives analysis prioritizing avoidance (alternate sites, reduced scale, or non-intrusive interpretive options) and a rigorous historic-preservation impact assessment in consultation with preservation authorities.

If pursued, any commemorative work must preserve unobstructed views to/from ANC and include enforceable mitigation and long-term stewardship.

Sincerely,
Barbara Brunson
Norfolk, VA

Attachment

Name: Donna Truman
Date: May 28, 2026 3:00:10 pm

No to the Arch, it's inappropriate, it's too big, it's too ugly, and we have NO MONEY!!!!!!!!!!

Name: Sharon Seymour
Date: May 28, 2026 3:01:18 pm

I absolutely oppose construction of this obtrusive, monstrous mistake. I'm puzzled that it is even being considered. It is not a contribution, but an insult to the people of this nation and to our history. I do not want my money spent this way.

Name: Lora Sharkey
Date: May 28, 2026 3:02:41 pm

To the Members of the National Planning Commission
Comments regarding NCPC File Number: 8778

As an American taxpayer I must express my opposition to any actions to install an arch or any other commemorative works that does not follow the prescribed process for approval. At this time the president of the United States has stated he will have a commemorative arch installed on federal property without seeking approval from Congress which is required under the Commemorative Works Act.

Additionally, I feel the construction of an arch at the Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway, would be a distraction to the Arlington National Cemetery entrance. The National Cemetery has a purposeful, dignified, solemn landscape that should be protected from structures of unusual height, adornment and lighting.

Respectfully,
Lora Sharkey
[REDACTED]
Southport, NC 28461

Name: Lori Richatdson
Date: May 28, 2026 3:03:16 pm

I think the Arch is not only ridiculous, it would destroy the view of Arlington Cemetery! Nothing should ever destroy the final resting place of our service members that died!

Name: Jerry Sessions
Date: May 28, 2026 3:03:54 pm

I do not believe now is the time to build an arch. Especially this proposed monumental arch. With our national debt soaring and Americans under stress economically, an arch does not reduce the debt or help Americans financially. This new monumental arch would seem to reflect the decline of America under the current administration and not be a reflection of the America our founding fathers envisioned. The timing is wrong and the arch is not what we the people want. Please reject the proposed arch.

Name: Reese Brooks
Date: May 28, 2026 3:04:05 pm

The arch looks tacky, ugly, and un-American. Even if by some miracle it is built it will be torn down within a year.

Name: Jean Gioffre
Date: May 28, 2026 3:16:05 pm

With the division in our country; high prices on food, gasoline and other essentials; the war in Iran with its massive cost; the allegations about this administrations IRS and financial fraud; AND the Epstein files - this is not the time to consider building a monumental arch. Its only purpose is to assuage the President's ego and distract the public's attention from far more important issues. It will negatively and irrevocably impact the honorable and historic landscape that already exists. It's a fool's errand. Thank you.

Name: Maury Niebur
Date: May 28, 2026 3:19:32 pm

NO!
the Arch serves no purpose other than to massage the ego of the current occupant of 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. it would.violate the "view" prescriptions laid out in the design of the city and forever cast a pall over Arlington Maternal cemetery. My father and mother are buried there, and they will both be rolling over in their graves if this atrocity gets built.

So NO!

Name: Jacqueline Patterson
Date: May 28, 2026 3:19:49 pm

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed arch near the Lincoln Memorial. The open visual approach to the memorial is one of the most powerful and symbolic public spaces in the United States. Any large new structure placed within that sightline risks diminishing both the solemnity and emotional impact of the memorial itself. The Lincoln Memorial was intentionally designed as a place of reflection, dignity, and national unity. Its setting — especially the unobstructed views across the National Mall — is part of the memorial's meaning. Introducing a monumental arch into this historic landscape would interrupt the visual balance and alter a carefully preserved civic space that belongs to all Americans.

This proposal appears to prioritize spectacle over preservation. The power of the memorial comes not only from the statue of Abraham Lincoln, but from the experience of approaching it through an open and uncluttered landscape. Adding another dominant architectural feature nearby would compete for attention and reduce the sense of reverence visitors feel.

The National Mall is one of the country's most historically and symbolically important public spaces. Changes to it should be approached with extreme caution and respect for the original design intent. Once a major visual intrusion is added, the damage to the character of the site cannot easily be undone. In addition, the cost for a totally unnecessary monument will likely be borne by the very citizens who find it abhorrent.

Name: Marsha Adkins
Date: May 28, 2026 3:20:43 pm

The height of buildings act of 1910 limits the height of all buildings within Washington, DC to be no greater than 130' + 20' for a penthouse. Clearly, the arch, at 250' is illegal. The proposed placement of this arch is also problematic, in that it blocks the view and symbolic entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. The Arlington Memorial Bridge was meant as a unification of North and South after the Civil War. The arch is a huge divider between the Lincoln Memorial, which it dwarfs, and the solemn graves of 400,000 men and women who gave their lives for our country. A better location for the arch might be at the entrance to the city, along I-95, either in Maryland or Virginia.

Name: Vicki Devine
Date: May 28, 2026 3:22:23 pm

Please for the love of God stop this abomination! It's complete disrespect for our fallen soldiers, since it blocks views between the graves and the Lincoln Memorial, all for an egomaniac that thinks he can build anything in D.C. without approvals or consequences. And he is a draft dodger, so there is that.

Name: Christie Abraham
Date: May 28, 2026 3:25:59 pm

The arch will be another detractor. We already have too many. Trump has been allowed to run roughshod over the changes to the White House grounds. He destroyed the Rose Garden, ruined the Kennedy Center, the reflecting pool, ad nauseam. Please stop him.

Name: Barbara Gugliotti
Date: May 28, 2026 3:33:06 pm

I am adamantly opposed to the proposed Arc de Trump for the following reasons:
1. It is not compatible with the existing monumental or other architecture in our Nation's Capital.
2. The location of this arch is a desecration of Arlington National Cemetery and of utmost disrespect to those buried there and their families.
3. No other living President has constructed a monument in self-praise. National monuments are a way for grateful citizens to pay tribute to the legacies of and remember honored leaders. Trump is still living; his legacy is yet to be determined.
4. It is embarrassing that, like a male dog urinating to mark territory, Trump is putting his name and likeness on everything in our Nation's Capital. The White House and other significant elements of Washington, D.C. belong to the people of the United States of America, not Donald J. Trump.

Name: Brody Willis
Date: May 28, 2026 3:33:26 pm

The "Monumental Arch" is an aesthetic and functional excrescence whose only purpose is to be bigger than anything of its kind, and is meant only to glorify one person, not our country or the fallen heroes resting in Arlington Cemetery. As a taxpayer and a combat veteran, I vehemently oppose this useless, worthless totem of vanity. I would rather have universal health care, student debt relief, and higher taxes on the rich. The answer is NO.

Name: Cathy Blankenstein
Date: May 28, 2026 3:33:41 pm

This will be a desecration of the views and solemn sentiment that frame Arlington national cemetery. Our veterans deserve better. Vote no on this monstrosity. It is unnecessary and just another distraction for Trump and his endless vanity projects.

Name: Steven Douglas
Date: May 28, 2026 3:33:42 pm

The Monumental Arch Project would be a monumental mistake. It is grossly out of scale and the proposed adornments are also too large and ostentatious. It looks like something from Berlin during the 1930's. Existing sight lines to Arlington Cemetery and other historic sites would be disrupted. Please do not approve the monument.

Name: Diana Vaniotis
Date: May 28, 2026 3:36:01 pm

My visit to DC a few years ago included the many historical monuments that chronicle our history. Looking back at photos I am struck by both the majesty & modesty that defines a government that is of the people. The proposed arch is out of scale, grotesque & gaudy. It is a monument to one man's insatiable thirst for self promotion & adoration. Not to mention the likely corrupted misuse of taxpayer money. It is an abomination and needs to be abandoned completely. NO to monumentally corrupt arch.

Name: Dana Pietromonaco
Date: May 28, 2026 3:37:58 pm

This arch is not in keeping with the scale, scope, or intentions of our national monument. It obscures and detracts rather than highlights. It becomes a monument unto itself and the person who installs it. It is not for the people. And the people can not afford to pay for this massive monstrosity! No money for arches for arches for the dead while we have living people dying of hunger and disease.

Name: Matt Morgan
Date: May 28, 2026 3:40:14 pm

What, he's Napoleon now? Or Caesar? Give us a fucking break. No fucking arch.

Name: Kathleen Hintz
Date: May 28, 2026 3:42:07 pm

I am appalled as well as absolutely opposed to the proposed monumental arch. I have read hundreds of comments about this project, none of them favorable, and most more articulate than I can hope to provide. Please do what you can to put a stop to this monstrous monstrosity. It is nothing more than one more effort by Donald Trump to leave a stain on our country. Make our voices heard and I'll pray that those in charge are listening.

Name: Thomas Tews
Date: May 28, 2026 3:43:43 pm

This project is a waste of time and money. The country has other needs. There is no practical justification for this project that should allow it to proceed. Let's focus more on the American people and less on vanity projects.

Name: Melanie Richardson
Date: May 28, 2026 3:45:35 pm

Don't need anything from blocking the view of what's important Arlington Cemetery

Name: Joanne Fuchs
Date: May 28, 2026 3:46:15 pm

I am against the Monumental Arch for a number of reasons, most of which is the symbolism it projects. Arches are about power and military victory. The US is a democracy and thus should focus on peace, not war. The arch is also too large, too ornate, and destroys the esthetics of the mall. It doesn't belong anywhere near the mall. It is also not the time to spend that kind of money. An arch would not represent the spirit of the US. DO NOT BUILD IT ANYWHERE.

Name: Joyce CRAIN
Date: May 28, 2026 3:48:43 pm

This is ridiculous!!!
PRESERVE OUR SPACES, OUR HISTORY, OUR SCENIC MEANINGFUL VIEWS.
Joyce Crain

Name: Carol Conklin
Date: May 28, 2026 3:52:54 pm

I am opposed to the proposed Arch. I am concerned with the location, height, scale, and design of the proposed Arch, the manner in which it interferes with existing commemorative works and fails to protect existing public uses and cultural resources. The location of the proposed Arch, at Memorial Circle, will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. The unprecedented height and scale of the proposed Arch, which will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House, is unacceptable. The proposed Arch would be double the size of the Lincoln Memorial and would risk disrespecting this powerful and beloved monument. The proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery, and is an insult to the families and loved ones visiting the Cemetery.

Name: Michael Solomon
Date: May 28, 2026 3:54:26 pm

Dear National Capital Planning Commission,

My name is Michael Solomon and I'm writing to express my disappointment in the Monumental Arch proposed by President Trump. This project unabashadely serves no purpose other than to inflate the ego of the proposer. In the setting of legitimate memorials to Lincoln, Jefferson, Washington and most importantly the Arlington Cemetery, this proposal is obtusely out of place. None of the aforementioned memorials were proposed by their namesakes. This alone should be reason enough to reject this arch proposal. Further, the scale, style, and compatibility with the thoughtful arrangement of the existing memorials clearly reflects how inappropriate this proposal is. History will judge these days as the lowest in American history, with backwards missteps and callous disregard for responsibilities that comes with authority. Let's not further memorialize this period with a gaudy arch. Thank you for your consideration,
Michael Solomon

Name: Lorraine A
Date: May 28, 2026 4:00:24 pm

This proposed "monumental arch" would be a stain on the historical landscape of DC and added to the other defacements already taking place for no decent reason. I oppose this arch.

Name: Kyle Rogers
Date: May 28, 2026 4:02:58 pm

This project is simply idiotic.

Name: Rick Aragon
Date: May 28, 2026 4:07:05 pm

Esteemed Commission Members,

I support a monument to celebrate the semiquincentennial of our nation's founding. I do not see an issue with a triumphal arch being that monument. However, I believe that the size of the proposed arch is far too massive for the location.

I urge that the arch be scaled down to better fit the other monuments. I also encourage that the arch should not have a figure above it.

Thank you for your time.

Name: Tracy Cornish
Date: May 28, 2026 4:07:44 pm

I am writing to lodge my objection to the proposed arch. I share the same concerns and the National Trust. In addition, in a country that is currently struggling with basic necessities like groceries, gas, shelter, healthcare and education, this vanity project is deeply disrespectful. We the people oppose this, the ballroom, the lack of transparency and the corruption of this government.

Name: Michael M
Date: May 28, 2026 4:10:08 pm

It would be a national disgrace for this government to obstruct and destroy the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington vistas by building this arch at the behest of vain man.

What an absolute abomination.

If this goes through it debases every person who made it happen or did not stand in its way. It debases our great nation.

Know this: Whatever this man erects to flatter himself, we will tear it down.

Name: Jeanie Lemens
Date: May 28, 2026 4:11:31 pm

No to Trumps Arch. He is spending millions of our money on vanity projects without getting preapproval in many cases. We have other more important needs in our country. Food, Healthcare, Housing, Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security to name a few. A vanity Arch is not one of them. We are trillions of dollars in debt and are going another 2 Trillion just this year alone. So no. No Arch!!!!

Name: Patrick Chapman
Date: May 28, 2026 4:11:43 pm

I am adamantly opposed to the proposed arch. Not only does it not fit into the existing, historical architectural design of the surroundings, it will alter the approach to Arlington National Cemetery, where both of my parents are interred. Please reject this monstrosity.

Name: Ginger Vollmar
Date: May 28, 2026 4:12:56 pm

The proposed new monumental arch is a horrible idea. It is in a bad location (interfering with the views that are now there), it is much too high, is too large in scale, and the design of the Arch is over the top with its gaudiness. Also, the manner in which it interferes with existing commemorative works and fails to protect existing public uses and cultural resources is very disturbing.

Please stop this project from moving forward.

Ginger Vollmar

Name: Susan Freiband
Date: May 28, 2026 4:13:34 pm

I don't think that the construction of a Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle is a good idea. The proposed Arch does not fit the aesthetics of the space. It is ostentatious and arrogant, not fitting the character of the place where it is supposed to stand. It will provide an unnecessary distraction, disrupt the flow of traffic and transportation through the area.

Name: Ginny Waters
Date: May 28, 2026 4:14:44 pm

I am completely opposed to the construction of this arch. Its projected size is grossly out of proportion to the adjacent natural and manmade features, and its trite, vaguely militaristic design sends precisely the wrong message. The arch is a mere vanity project commemorating nothing. It means nothing. It would be a blot on the landscape and a waste of time and materials. Please DO NOT allow this arch to be built.

Name: Mary Lou Cochrane
Date: May 28, 2026 4:15:21 pm

Arlington National Cemetery and the view to Arlington National Cemetery should not be desecrated by the building of this offensive arch. My husband served in Vietnam and my father served in Italy during WW II. They and other veterans who gave their lives for our country should not have their service treated with such disrespect by the construction of this monster arch.

Name: Stephen Folkemer
Date: May 28, 2026 4:15:54 pm

Trump's ego assuaging arch proposal is a brutal insult to our veterans. Stop this grotesque proposal now!

Name: Cathy Poyser
Date: May 28, 2026 4:16:37 pm

Stop! We should NOT be spending money to build an Arch that isn't necessary and is really only important to one person! We have people in this country who can't afford, food, housing, gas, who are living on the street and we're seriously considering this vanity project?! When is this going to stop?! He's already been allowed to destroy a portion of the White House. THE WHITE HOUSE, for goodness sake. Please do not allow him to destroy the current view of Arlington, which is sacred ground. Just STOP!

Name: Heyden Family
Date: May 28, 2026 4:17:43 pm

Just no

Name: John Buzzell
Date: May 28, 2026 4:19:43 pm

Trump's erection of a monument to his ego is obscene and pushing into the realm of the perverted. Squandering and looting \$billions of OUR tax dollars for this low-rent copy of Moscow's Triumphal Gate, is horrific - even more so in America's current state of disarray. When are we going to say "enough!"?

Name: Janet Driver
Date: May 28, 2026 4:25:35 pm

The proposed Monumental Arch will obscure the intentional axial and aesthetic relationships between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House. This is not acceptable and expressly against the intentions of the post Civil War era memorialization committees that decided against a winner takes all approach to our national commemoration of our history and choosing to ensure designs that show a healing of the country rather than a divide.

The proposed Arch is the embodiment of obstruction and disdain for the common citizenry. Its sole intention is to flex Presidential power and turn it into real estate development by and for one man only - Donald J. Trump. It is neither his place to commemorate himself in this way nor is it conducive to national unity.

If this Arch is built, I would expect it to be a source of national embarrassment and be subject to demolition by the citizenry at the first possible opportunity. It will only bring more division and protest to an already stressed capital city.

Name: Sally Nichols
Date: May 28, 2026 4:26:11 pm

I strongly oppose the construction of an arch in DC area. Any monument should be a celebration of an extraordinary event meaningful to the majority of Americans. This arch is purely a vanity project stroking the demented ego of one man. It is monumental only in the waste and abuse of taxpayers money. We need no monument to the worst president in American history. If built, I and others will gladly contribute to destroy it.

Name: Colleen Manzer
Date: May 28, 2026 4:29:19 pm

Please, please stop this oversized, monstrosity from becoming a reality. It looks like something made for Las Vegas. It has no real meaning behind it, beyond Trump celebrating himself. DC is a beautiful city, monuments have thoughtfully been installed and are cherished by Americans. This does not enhance the monuments or celebrate anything of value to our nation.

Name: Carole Woomer
Date: May 28, 2026 4:30:36 pm

I am against the proposed arch in Washington for the following reasons:

The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial

One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.

The 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.

Name: Kimberly Baker
Date: May 28, 2026 4:34:07 pm

I ask that you not approve the plan for the new monumental arch in Washington, DC. The arch disrupts the continuity of the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery, which when considered together, communicate a powerful message of the reintegration of the North and the South following the Civil War. The vast size of the arch also overwhelms and blocks the view of important monuments throughout that area of DC. And the style is in stark contrast to the design of monuments and federal building in the area, which were intentionally designed not to be ornate or grandiose in order to express more clearly the vision of the United States as "We, the People," rather than one of conquest and elitism.

Please oppose this proposed arch.

Name: Susan Fortney
Date: May 28, 2026 4:38:00 pm

This proposed arch does not belong in our nation's capitol. It will disrupt the symbolic landscape of the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. It is a gross waste of taxpayers' money, especially at a time when ordinary people are struggling to make ends meet.

Name: William Keys
Date: May 28, 2026 4:39:45 pm

The location of the proposed Arch, at Memorial Circle, will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscape vistas in Washington, DC, the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed with a low profile to respect the visual and symbolic vistas connecting the National Mall and National Cemetery. If constructed as planned at the proposed location, the new Triumphal Arch will obscure the intentional axial and aesthetic relationships between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House.

In addition, the proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery. The hallowed resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families, Arlington National Cemetery is a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice, selfless service, and national unity, all within sight of the monumental core of the Nation's Capital. Distinguished by the Tomb of the Unknowns, Memorial Avenue, and rolling hillsides of uniform rows of simple headstones, Arlington National Cemetery is a living memorial that honors thirty funeral services each day. The Arch, as proposed, would dominate Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers.

Name: Linda Barnett
Date: May 28, 2026 4:41:13 pm

I entreat you to oppose the erection of this Arch. It is not at all consistent with the monuments already in place, and it is gaudy.

It will be a smudge on the landscape in that treasured area.

Name: judy horning
Date: May 28, 2026 4:43:25 pm

To whom it may concern,

I am against building a monumental arch. Ours is not a country that needs to prove our greatness with decorations like this. Our greatness is in our constitution and rule of law. It is belittling of all our other memorials to construct an arch to celebrate war and killing. Our other monuments celebrate the honor and sacrifices of fallen soldiers. This arch is not a celebration of our ideals. It is ill thought out and unattractive and an embarrassment. Please do not approve it at all.

Name: Cynthia van Duin
Date: May 28, 2026 4:45:53 pm

I am writing to oppose this new Monumental Arch.

It is completely opaque as to what this arch I supposed to honor or add to our historic capital. Furthermore it will destroy the impressive and serious atmosphere of Arlington Cemetery and block the view of one of our most important monuments, the Lincoln Memorial. The visual connection of Arlington Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial emphasizes their historical connection as the Cemetery began as a resting place for veterans killed in the Civil War.

Put a stop to this ridiculous project.

Name: Virginia Connelly
Date: May 28, 2026 4:50:15 pm

I implore you to reconsider plans for the “Victory Arch” in Washington, especially its placement (actually misplacement) on the Virginia side of Memorial Bridge. I grew up near Washington and have always loved this truly beautiful bridge and the perfection of its setting. It gracefully and meaningfully links the beloved Lincoln Memorial with the hallowed grounds of Arlington cemetery. To disturb this elegant historical setting confounds all common sense and good taste. Please, please consider placing the arch somewhere else, where it can be the center of attention, if it has to be built at all.

Name: Natalie Heilman
Date: May 28, 2026 4:51:19 pm

The arch is just another gaudy project to destroy our country. It is tacky and doesn’t need to exist. Furthermore, our government is not spending money to take care of its citizens. Healthcare, education, and basic human rights should be the focus. We do not need another vanity project funded by American taxpayers.

Name: Greg Dixon
Date: May 28, 2026 4:55:00 pm

I feel like this project is an abomination in and of itself. It is totally unnecessary and garish, not fitting into any of the tasteful architecture around it. The sight line affecting Arlington Cemetery alone makes the project particularly ill advised. To summarize, it is an unnecessary, unappealing waste

Name: Freida Garrison
Date: May 28, 2026 4:55:45 pm

Please do not build this arch. It would only disrupt the hallow landscape that flows together and honors our fallen heroes.

Name: Stephanie Seacord
Date: May 28, 2026 4:57:49 pm

As an American citizen and taxpayer I am appalled by this Administration's constant disregard for the laws and regulations put in place to safeguard our collective national treasures, including the historic and cultural assets of the District of Columbia.

I am equally disgusted by the Commission's decision on this project. By approving the Monumental Arch on May 21, the Commission and its individual members have abandoned the responsibility you were given to ensure that any works in your jurisdiction do not “interfere with, or encroach on, an existing commemorative work and to the maximum extent practicable, protect open space, existing public use, and cultural and natural resources.”

We may restore our nation, eventually, but what you are enabling will cause damage that can never be repaired. We as a republic, and you as public servants, are better than this.

Name: Adam Rothman
Date: May 28, 2026 4:57:51 pm

The Triumphal Arch proposed for Memorial Circle is ill-advised. It would block the sightlines from the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington National Cemetery and along the Potomac, and disrupt the historic integrity and coherence of the commemorative axis running from the Lincoln Memorial across Arlington Memorial Bridge to Arlington National Cemetery. The area is meant to be a space for solemn reflection on the great sacrifices that Americans have endured in the name of freedom and democracy, not gaudy triumphalism.

Name: Devon Rehse
Date: May 28, 2026 5:00:05 pm

This project is very concerning and totally unnecessary. It will disrupt the expansive and purposeful view and dwarf the Lincoln Memorial as well as the sanctity of Arlington National Cemetery. These projects that proceed at a whim without forethought or care what the citizens of the United States want for their capital is alarming and must come to a stop immediately. Millions of dollars are being spent unnecessarily, dollars that come from my pocket!

Name: Renee Searfoss
Date: May 28, 2026 5:02:12 pm

Under no circumstances should this monstrosity be built. Any person and company who participates in any way in pushing this project forward or working on it should lose their jobs, any and all current and future contracts, public or private. Any government official or employee involved in this corruption should be removed from their position and barred from any government position at any level.

Name: Mary Braatz
Date: May 28, 2026 5:04:42 pm

I strongly oppose the construction of the new monumental arch. It will be too big and it will obstruct the Lincoln Memorial and the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. There is no reason for its construction and it is a waste of taxpayer money.

Name: Judy Shulman
Date: May 28, 2026 5:07:41 pm

I object to the proposed location of the Arch.

The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House.

One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.

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.

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

Name: Brett Aresco

Date: May 28, 2026 5:08:37 pm

This arch is an unnecessary and expensive eyesore, a tribute to the large ego of a man so small as to be insignificant. History will remember this president only for cruelty and incompetence, so please don't force any more reminders of his tenure on the American people.

Name: Janet Bourne

Date: May 28, 2026 5:08:50 pm

No arch. This is one of the dumbest things being proposed. It'll be hideous, is unnecessary and a complete waste of money.

Name: Peter Sillin

Date: May 28, 2026 5:14:23 pm

I entirely oppose President Trump's proposed arch, which is entirely out of character with the surrounding area. The disproportionate scale of the proposed arch is only a monument to Trump's monstrous ego and has nothing to do with the people, history, or values of the United States. This arch inserts TRUMP in the middle of a sacred American space where he has no business. If the arch is built I will advocate for it to be torn down at Trump's personal expense, as would be the case for any illegal construction in violation of relevant codes.

Name: Elizabeth Brown

Date: May 28, 2026 5:16:38 pm

As a distinguished arts professional, and former DC resident I am horrified by this project. I am very familiar with the historic plan for the city, which works beautifully--the vantage points between distinguished monuments, the care not to overcrowd public areas, the decorous attention to detailing. The current president has removed all trained professionals from the arts commission and is trying to turn our capitol into Pyongyang! The so-called Monumental Arch is a travesty. Badly designed, clumsy and ahistorical, and just plain ugly. It will destroy internal relationships between our central monuments and utterly eliminate the human scale of tourist and official areas. It will obstruct already problematic traffic. It is also a phenomenal waste of money, at a moment when virtually no funds are being spent to help anyone who isn't a millionaire. This project is unconscionable. And please take down those horrible giant banners of his face. we're still, nominally, a democracy!

Dr. Elizabeth A. Brown, Ph.D.

Name: karen rasmussen

Date: May 28, 2026 5:22:54 pm

Just say NO to the Monumental Arch. The symbolic configuration in place should not be altered for the demented, narcissist mishmash of an old man who can't put 2 thoughts together. It's not needed, wanted -- and an incredibly poor use of our tax monies. How about paying down the debt if you've got so much money to blow on unneeded idolatry.

Name: Kathryn Bates

Date: May 28, 2026 5:25:37 pm

This arch will overshadow the Lincoln Memorial in size and scale and be a major disruption to the beauty and solemnity of the view towards the sacred space of Arlington Cemetery. There is no need for a "triumphal" arch which will only distract from the two spaces that tie together in theme to tell the story of our nation. The funds for the arch can help maintain and restore other historic monuments and fountains in our nation's capitol!

Name: CHRIS FULMER

Date: May 28, 2026 5:26:47 pm

Respectfully, I request you vote NO on this arch. There are myriad reasons, but I will touch on just a few:

No review. Projects such as this take YEARS of review, architectural analysis, traffic studies, public need, costs and budget, and more. This process is being completely bypassed.

This is a vanity project: No one asked for this arch, except Trump, who wants it to commemorate himself. No president has ever considered something this egregious before.

Continuity: It does not fit in with the rest of the Mall, and will be bigger than the Lincoln Memorial.

Disrespect to Arlington: The aspect and perspective of the National Cemetery has been planned and makes the hillside with the view of Arlington House and the rows of headstones central to those looking across the river. This arch will distract from that, and block it from some perspectives.

PLEASE vote no.

Name: Terri Halperin

Date: May 28, 2026 5:27:47 pm

As an historian and resident of Virginia who frequently crosses the Memorial Bridge, I am deeply concerned about the location and scale of the proposed triumphal arch. Its location at Memorial Circle will interrupt the connection between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery which symbolizes post-Civil War reconciliation. The arch will simply overwhelm the landscape and diminish the impact of the Lincoln Memorial. That Memorial's architecture and setting put forth a powerful message about union, leadership, and American ideas. It would be a tragedy if that was lost. I urge you to reject the planned arch

Name: Kathleen Maher
Date: May 28, 2026 5:31:09 pm

National Capitol Planning Commission.
The name says it all.
They plan the monuments, they plan the location, they plan the layout.
They know the history of our country.
They study the meaning of the monuments.
They study the design and the character of the monument.
This administration has no idea of the historical work going on behind the scenes. They don't care.
There is zero historical meaning behind this arch.
There is zero character behind this.
There is only narcissism, vanity and greed.
Please DO NOT ALLOW this desecration to go forth.

Name: Robert Whitby
Date: May 28, 2026 5:32:12 pm

Horrific junk from the demented mind of a felon.

Name: Karin Deutschler
Date: May 28, 2026 5:35:51 pm

I'm honestly stunned by the proposal to build a copy of the Arc de Triomphe — a monument I was fortunate enough to visit earlier this month in Paris.

The Arc de Triomphe honors sacrifice. It bears the names of hundreds of fallen military men and houses the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It stands as a memorial to those who served and died — not as a tribute to a sitting political figure.

If there were discussion of building a meaningful memorial honoring the dead and missing from Vietnam, Korea, and other wars fought by Americans, I could understand that — assuming our fiscal reality actually supported such spending. It does not.

At a time when millions of Americans are struggling just to get by, asking taxpayers to fund an extravagant vanity project of this nature feels tone-deaf, wasteful, and entirely unjustifiable.

Disgusted.

Name: Susan DeVoe
Date: May 28, 2026 5:36:40 pm

To all who are involved in the approval of the Arch -

There is literally nothing I can say about this proposed monument that would not have been said more eloquently by any number of people so I will just add this to the refrain:

No, no, a thousand times no.

Just no.

Susan DeVoe,
Indiana

Name: Candy Canzoneri
Date: May 28, 2026 5:36:56 pm

Really? Another Vanity Boondoggle from the President? This oversized, ugly structure has neither architectural nor historic merit. Unless perhaps you live in Ancient Rome. It's a waste of money, it has no place in the simple aesthetics of our Nation's Capital. Washington, D.C., was, prior to the regime of Donald Trump, a city of great beauty in which all Americans could take pride. Now it's a hotbed of ugly, expensive, vanity projects that are meant to appease the ego/hubris of a pathetically vain man. Does anybody but Trump want a Triumphal Arch? Not just no, but Hell No! Why are we spending money on this when there are more worthy projects, and great need in so many areas. Ridiculous. It brings to mind the excesses of the Emperor Caligula, whose weird, extravagant projects drained the Roman Treasury, and raised taxes on the populace. This thing should never be considered, much less built.

Name: Carol Bruns
Date: May 28, 2026 5:42:27 pm

This is a slap in the face to veterans and those in the Arlington Cemetery. It is also illegal and a national embarrassment.

Name: Kathleen Green
Date: May 28, 2026 5:46:20 pm

I oppose this project for many, many reasons.

Name: Carlyn Clement
Date: May 28, 2026 5:48:25 pm

I'm writing in opposition to the Trump Administration's proposed Monumental Arch. Please do not approve this project. It is not the right of the current president to build this monument to himself (as he has acknowledged it is). It is also astonishingly huge, blocks views of Arlington Cemetery and will be very costly to American tax payers.

Please have the wisdom to look ahead, beyond this president, and leave our beautiful capital as it is for future generations. They will thank you.

Sincerely,
Carlyn Clement

Name: John Ayers
Date: May 28, 2026 5:54:43 pm

The proposed triumphal arch at Memorial Circle is a direct assault on one of Washington's most carefully designed civic sequences and the country's most hallowed ground. The Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, Memorial Circle, Memorial Avenue, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House form one ceremonial approach held together in one sight line.

The McMillan Commission explained that Washington was planned with careful attention to "reciprocal relations" among public buildings and that "vistas and axes" were part of what made the capital "a magnificent and consistent work of art." The point was not simply to build monuments, but to protect the relationships among them and preserve the capital's visual order.

The National Park Service recognizes Arlington Memorial Bridge as the "ceremonial entrance to Arlington National Cemetery," and a 2022 NPS viewshed analysis confirmed that the reciprocal view between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House remains an intact and protected feature of the cultural landscape.

Any arch, triumphal or otherwise, will interrupt the sequence and commandeer the Lincoln-to-Arlington axis, converting the ceremonial entrance to Arlington from a passage of reconciliation, sacrifice, and reverence into a visually intrusive focal object.

Frederick Law Olmsted Jr. warned that nothing suffers more from "vulgarity, ignorance, and pretentiousness" than the modern cemetery, and that such places should be entered with "respect and peace, as into a church or sacred place." Reverence does not begin only after one passes through Arlington's gates. The Lincoln Memorial, Memorial Bridge, Memorial Circle, and Memorial Avenue are part of the experience of entering Arlington Cemetery.

The Arlington axis is something rarer than a monumental vista. It is a ceremonial approach in which every element — the cemetery founded on Lee's confiscated land in 1864, the house he left to fight against the Union Lincoln preserved, the bridge completed as an act of national reconciliation, and the avenue named for the fallen — belongs to the same chapter of American history. The McMillan Commission did not invent that meaning. It recognized it, gave it form, and protected it. Any arch placed on that axis would interrupt that sequence and commandeer one of the capital's most carefully preserved commemorative landscapes.

The McMillan Report is unambiguous. The National Park Service's own treatment of the Lincoln-to-Arlington corridor is equally clear. In light of that history, approval of this proposal is difficult to comprehend.

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Name: Caroline Bertrand
Date: May 28, 2026 5:54:54 pm

The proposed monumental arch will destroy several historic viewsheds and distract from the focus on Arlington Cemetery. I oppose this project.

Name: Mark Garvey
Date: May 28, 2026 5:55:08 pm

This arch is a colossal waste of money. Better to invest in the American people who need help in these austere times of high inflation.

Name: Nord Wennerstrom
Date: May 28, 2026 6:01:22 pm

Dear Commission Chairman Scharf and Commissioners,

Charles A. Birnbaum, Founding President & CEO of The Cultural Landscape Foundation, a national Washington, D.C.-based education and advocacy organization, has asked me to submit the attached remarks concerning the arch proposed for Memorial Circle, between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery, in advance of the June 4, 2026, NCPCC meeting, during which the arch will be considered.

Sincerely,

Nord Wennerstrom
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Name: Patrick Rafferty
Date: May 28, 2026 6:01:50 pm

I overwhelmingly object to the proposed monumental arch. It's unprecedented height and scale of the proposed Triumphal Arch, which will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House.

At a time when many American cannot afford gasoline or food it's an inappropriate use of money.

Please do not blight our nation's capital with a meaningless arch.

Thank you for your consideration l

Name: Elizabeth Moreira
Date: May 28, 2026 6:07:20 pm

The proposed arch location and design is inappropriate and the project is an unnecessary expense.

Name: jennifer schultz
Date: May 28, 2026 6:07:53 pm

The view between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House, as well as Arlington Cemetery would be blocked if this Arch is built. The view between Arlington House and cemetery is significant as it represents the unification of the country after the Civil War. Also, Arlington House was the home of Robert E. Lee, where he lived with his family. Robert E. Lee is buried at Arlington. This would be an affront to the man who unified this country. Abraham Lincoln. And to think of all the soldiers in Arlington from any war being insulted like this, we all know this is a vanity project for this POTUS. Thank you for taking my comments.
Mrs. Jennifer T. Schultz

Name: Mary Tanner
Date: May 28, 2026 6:09:33 pm

Major changes, as this is, to the lay out and landmarks of the capital city should be well-thought out, and fit within the context of the entire area. Not only does this arch overpower the lovely view from DC to Arlington Cemetery, and overpower the sight lines from South, East, North and West on the Potomac/DC landscape, it will cause significant traffic issues during and after construction. I suspect not only serious traffic jams, but accidents at what is a major entry/exit point to/from DC/Va. It makes a mockery of decades of planning of the National Capital as an historic and monumental city. Every other addition to the city has required years of review and assessment, and this project should be equally reviewed by competent and neutral historians, architects, transportation specialists and others.

Name: Mark Smith
Date: May 28, 2026 6:10:32 pm

We don't need an Arch. We don't deserve it and we can't afford it. It would totally ruin the look and feel of Washington DC. Maybe take care of our people first?

Name: Rosemary Eddy
Date: May 28, 2026 6:13:42 pm

I do not support the proposed "New Monumental Arch."

I am disgusted by the proposed design, purpose, and expense, as well as by the the proposed "symbolic" nature of the monstrosity, a full-fledged vanity project. More importantly, I recognize how the location of this proposed arch will interrupt the significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House.

For the good of the people whose capital city is Washington, D.C., and all who visit this very distinguished place, DO NOT ALLOW THIS PROJECT.

Sincerely,
Rosemary Eddy
[REDACTED]
Carson City, NV 89701

Name: Karyn Montgomery
Date: May 28, 2026 6:25:10 pm

There is no need for a memorial arch in Washington. We especially DO NOT need any monument to a living president. It is a huge waste of taxpayer dollars.

Name: R Gox
Date: May 28, 2026 6:27:58 pm

I'm opposed to the arch because I feel if we don't have tax funds to support many infrastructure projects, social programs and schools, an landmark is frivolous. I also feel like it will overwhelm the current classical, tasteful, historical monuments already in place.

Name: Melissa Nordhoff
Date: May 28, 2026 6:28:12 pm

This proposed arch will be a terrible eyesore and will mar DC. This proposed arch is a horrible waste of taxpayers dollars that should be spent funding services for those who need it. Please don't approve a monument glorifying this horrible administration.

Thank you

Name: AJ cho
Date: May 28, 2026 6:30:15 pm

I vehemently oppose the construction of the Arc de Trump. This arc exists only to obscure the view from the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington while subjecting the public to a constant, permanent, and gauche reminder of a single individual who has (and, at his age, soon will have) done nothing courageous or worthy of accolade in his entire life. At least the soldiers in Arlington willingly accepted the risk of death, disappearance, and injury in choosing military work, and at least President Lincoln had just enough decency to oppose chattel slavery.

Name: Gurkamal Gill
Date: May 28, 2026 6:30:26 pm

I have driven to DC many hundreds of times and do not see the Arch any more than an eyesore that disrupts historical landscape and it significance. At a time of economic hardship this level of opulence and expense is tone deaf to the needs of the people. We do not need this ornate vulgar structure.

Name: Kristin Ries
Date: May 28, 2026 6:32:22 pm

I am very concerned about the latest vanity project proposed by Donald Trump to erect an arch similar to the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. Mr. Trump is going to great lengths to alter the character of Washington D.C. to fit his ideal of "beauty." He's ruined the East Wing of the White House, Jacqueline Kennedy's Rose Garden and added many other tacky gold enhancements throughout the White House and Oval Office.

It is clear he considers this new structure to be "The Arch of Trump" and another monument to himself. Importantly, the proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the character of Arlington National Cemetery. This is the resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families. Arlington National Cemetery is a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice and selfless service, all within sight of the monumental core of the Nation's Capital. Distinguished by the Tomb of the Unknowns, Memorial Avenue, and uniform rows of simple headstones, Arlington National Cemetery is a living memorial that sees many funerals every day. The Arch, as proposed, would dominate Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with the character of solemn the graves of powerful, unadorned white markers. It would also impact the view of the Lincoln Memorial.

Please do not allow one man's maniacal ego and narcissism to undermine the integrity of our democracy's memorials.

Thank you.

Name: Mary O'Shaughnessy
Date: May 28, 2026 6:33:32 pm

There is no need for a monumental arch, all it will do is obstruct the view into Arlington Cemetery. To diminish the sanctity of that cemetery, is to denigrate the sacrifice that those who died defending this country gave. Especially galling is that a person who avoided serving is trying to glorify himself by building this arch for his own glorification. We are a democracy, which means the power of the people, not of one person. This planned project runs smack into the disregard for the people who make up this diverse country of descendant of immigrants.

Name: Denise Cook
Date: May 28, 2026 6:35:54 pm

The Nation did not see a need to build a monument to commemorate the Bicentennial so I see no need to build an arch to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Nation. Besides, arches are passe'. If we must build something, and I'm not saying we should, it should reflect our future.

Given the economic downturn of the Average American, it is simply bad form to spend this type of money at this time. You are turning a deaf ear to the majority of voters who are hurting the most. Please, I beg of you, close down this project, don't spend this money, and await a different event to honor.

Name: Libby Nutter
Date: May 28, 2026 6:39:36 pm

I am writing to request that the committee DOES NOT approve plans to build a monumental arch in DC. To me, Washington, DC is a place full of history, in many ways a place of reverence. The idea of an outsized monument in the name of the current president is disturbing and unwarranted. Please do not let it be built.

Name: Julie Gosla
Date: May 28, 2026 6:43:58 pm

5/28/2026- I am writing to ask that the New Monumental Arch plan NOT be allowed to be built. It is not necessary and is a vanity project for the current administration. It will bring no value to our capital city.

Name: Cindy Hernandez
Date: May 28, 2026 6:49:01 pm

I am absolutely opposed to the construction of the Monumental Arch as proposed. The iconic views of the national mall and other monuments should not be overshadowed or blocked by a poorly conceived, unneeded, and outrageously vainglorious construct.

Name: Linzee Ott
Date: May 28, 2026 6:50:48 pm

I don't want my hard-earned tax dollars spent on this arch. It's an uninventive block of stone. Something commemorating America's 250th should be beautiful, inspirational, and graceful; this isn't it. Our nation's capitol was thoughtfully designed and laid out by master planners and this arch disrupts and severs that brilliance. I want to see my government spending money on our nation's infrastructure and existing agencies and resources, not this arch.

Name: Lisa Smith
Date: May 28, 2026 6:50:53 pm

As a Veteran that has great respect for Arlington National Cemetery, the Military Women's Memorial, and the Lincoln Monument, it would be a tragedy to erect the Trump arch! Because he didn't serve or do anything of any importance, he's trying to get as close to Stolen Valor as he can without actually committing a crime. Please do not stoke his ego. He does that enough himself. Tell him NO! No one wants a memorial to him, the absolute worst President in American history. This would be a horrible eyesore. Let the people's voices be heard and do not allow this. He's already destroyed the White House without permission. Stop him before he does anything else!

Name: emily miller
Date: May 28, 2026 6:57:20 pm

I am firmly against the building of the Monumental arch raised to the glory of a single human being.
The location of the proposed Trump Monumental Arch will interrupt the highly significant

relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.

In addition, the Arch will dwarf and diminish the Lincoln Memorial, a memorial to one of our most revered Presidents. The arch will disrupt the long, open, and uninterrupted views, 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, and selfless service.

Spending money when our national debt is so high and millions are being spent daily in a war that looks to have no end is financially reckless and irresponsible.

Plus this an administration has shown, through the demolition of the East Wing and the shoddy work on the Reflection Pool, that they do not care about sound building codes/processes or following Federal contract laws.

I ask that you please do not approve this project.

Name: Pamela Baker
Date: May 28, 2026 6:58:00 pm

The new Monumental Arch that is planned takes away from Arlington National Cemetery. It has nothing to do with Arlington National Cemetery. It is not a monument to the 250 years of this nation. It is far too much money for something that should not even be there.

I hope it can be stopped.

Pamela Baker

Name: Clayton Ferguson
Date: May 28, 2026 7:09:52 pm

I am against the arch as it disrupts the historical panorama and is not necessary.

Name: Elizabeth Morton
Date: May 28, 2026 7:10:02 pm

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to urge the National Capital Planning Commission to reject the proposed New Monumental Arch — or, at minimum, to decline to advance or endorse the concept until the Section 106 review is complete.

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.

The proposed design and location are significant departures from the founding planning principles and protected viewsheds that make Washington a world-class capital. The arch would disrupt the deliberately low-scale, reflective axis linking the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House. It would also distort the established monumental hierarchy — inserting a wildly out-of-scale, gilded tribute to one man that overshadows our most cherished commemorative works (notably the Lincoln Memorial) and severely degrades the dignified respectful character of Arlington National Cemetery.

Beyond its deviations from the McMillan Plan and the Commemorative Works Act, the proposal is plainly out of conformance with the Federal Urban Design Element of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital: Federal Elements. That Element, adopted in 2016, makes preservation of Washington's low, horizontal skyline and its symbolic view corridors a national interest, and directs that the "physical preeminence and visual hierarchy" of the city's most significant civic structures — the White House, U.S. Capitol, and Washington Monument — be preserved. The Element further recognizes the Arlington Memorial Bridge as a ceremonial "Capital Gateway." A 250-foot gilded arch astride that gateway and the axis it anchors does the opposite of what these policies require.

Apparently the Section 106 consultation has not been completed. Section 106 requires that effects on historic properties be considered "prior to" approval (54 U.S.C. § 306108; 36 CFR § 800.1(c)), and acting before that process concludes risks foreclosing meaningful and transparent consultation. Consistent with longstanding precedent, the Commission should wait for the review to finish before advancing this seriously flawed proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
Elizabeth Morton

Name: Cindy Koehler
Date: May 28, 2026 7:16:34 pm

Please do not undertake this project. The location and size of this proposed monument ignores the significance of the monuments in the immediate vicinity as well as cleaving the link between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington. NOTHING should overwhelm the entrance to Arlington as that hallowed ground should be revered above all else. Nothing about this monument enhances the sanctity of the area in which it wishes to be built. PLEASE vote it down.

Name: Cynthia PUGLIA
Date: May 28, 2026 7:16:49 pm

Arlington should honor sacrifice, not serve as a backdrop for a vanity project. Our fallen heroes deserve dignity and reflection - not a towering monument built to glorify a draft dodging bone spur politician.

Arlington is scared ground, not a stage for someone's ego!

Name: Douglas Hancher
Date: May 28, 2026 7:21:03 pm

The proposed Trump Arch is wholly inappropriate in concept, scale, and appearance. It will be a blight and eyesore that compromises the vistas and character of D.C.

-- Douglas G Hancher, CDR, Usn (ret.), P.E.

Name: Ellen Jahos

Date: May 28, 2026 7:26:51 pm

I am vehemently against the construction of a so-called, "Triumphal Arch." What "triumph" warrants building this gaudy, self-serving structure, a structure the citizens of this country did not ask for? If the current president wants an arch so he can boast that the US has the biggest arch in the world, then that in itself is proof that he hasn't studied history, and doesn't understand what America stands for.

The fact that it will be an overwhelmingly negative alteration of our capitol's landscape should be foremost in decision makers' minds. Even more disgraceful than the arch itself is the decision to block a clear view to the entrance of one of the most sacred places in our country - Arlington National Cemetery. What kind of blind, selfishness would allow the scarring of our Capitol's landscape? What kind of people would knowingly approve the building of a structure that obscures the resting place of those that gave their lives so that we may all live free?

It is time for you to listen to the people of this country. The destruction of the East wing of the White House has already shocked and sickened the citizenry. Don't let another vanity project disgrace our country's Capitol.

Name: Lisle Hannah

Date: May 28, 2026 7:29:28 pm

I believe the proposed monumental arch will significantly diminish established views, dwarf the magnificent Lincoln Memorial and cause traffic issues.

An arch of this size does not belong in this location and I urge serious consideration.

Name: Jacklyn Ulinski

Date: May 28, 2026 7:35:32 pm

The proposed arch named after one man does not belong at the entrance of Arlington Cemetery. Arlington is a sacred place where our service members and honored representatives and Presidents lie in rest. This is not a place to have an arch dedicated to a non-service man. This arch becomes a block for the view to the entrance and forever changes how we see Arlington. Visiting there for my uncle and visiting the President's grave site is something we can cherish. Changes to the monuments and design and structure in Washington must be changed and agreed by Historical committees and Congress. Not just one man.

Name: Margaret Yacovissi

Date: May 28, 2026 7:36:34 pm

Washington DC is a beautiful city filled with fine architecture laid out in symbolic lines. The connection of the Lincoln Memorial across the Potomac to Arlington National Cemetery echoes the beauty of the reconnection and reconciliation after our Civil War in the 1860s. Considering the current state of civil rights in the USA, it would be especially disrespectful to change that vista to glorify our narcissistic president. A person of character doesn't need to build monuments to himself. He can be confident of recognition after his passing. Since Trump can't be sure he will be remembered after he's gone, he wants to litter the DC landscape with anything that will boost his ego. His regime is not a triumph. He should not have the right to spend money on frivolous things at public expense. He must be made to follow all appropriate guidelines for historical and architectural review in his proposal and it should be rejected in favor of preserving some part of the dignity of our national city.

Please vote against this poorly sited and undeserved arch.

Name: Susan Babbitt

Date: May 28, 2026 7:42:32 pm

The comments submitted by the National Trust for Historic Preservation give such a full and sensible account of the procedural and aesthetic problems with this proposal, that I can add only that they deserve attention and approval.

Name: Alexandra Nelson

Date: May 28, 2026 7:50:21 pm

Do not build this monstrosity.

Name: Eleanor McGrath

Date: May 28, 2026 7:51:48 pm

I object to the arch for a number of reasons: it is inappropriate, it obscures the view of Arlington National Cemetery, and it's ugly.

Name: Dave Long

Date: May 28, 2026 7:54:49 pm

Considering the plethora of much more urgent issues facing citizens and our country, spending time and funds on such a project ignores or diminishes their importance. Please consider putting this very vain project to bed.

Name: Marina Salazar

Date: May 28, 2026 7:59:00 pm

I am opposed to this garish arch — it has no relevance or place among our monuments.

Name: Rebecca Bolen
Date: May 28, 2026 8:04:05 pm

There's only one person who wants this. It's ugly and doesn't match anything in DC. We don't build monuments for egomaniacal whims. For the love of God, have a spine. Tell him no.

Name: Michele Homan-Schultz
Date: May 28, 2026 8:07:03 pm

I strongly object to seeing a monstrosity of an arch interrupt the views of our cherished monuments to men that contributed to the good of our country. I emphatically object to ANY monument to a living, egotistical, grifter. Please do not allow this huge, gaudy, self serving arch to be constructed on our serene national land.

Name: Michael Brown
Date: May 28, 2026 8:09:01 pm

The White House now looks like a crummy motel and the the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool is going to be the color of toilet cleaner. Any and all projects under Donald Trump's direction need to be stopped not only due to ridiculous costs but for an appreciation of good aesthetics. Somebody give him a LEGO set to play with so he stops ruining our lovely capital.

Name: Linda Seaquist
Date: May 28, 2026 8:10:05 pm

Do not break the line of sight work a new arch. We do not need an irrelevant monument added to our already revered monuments.

Name: Christina Vanderwall
Date: May 28, 2026 8:15:43 pm

I strongly object to consideration or approval for construction of this rogue monument. No proper procedures were followed. No hearings. No design review. No legal financing process. So, no no no no.
I write this even though submitting this email may result in my being put on some nefarious action list by the current President or his acolytes.

Name: Jeanne Connelly
Date: May 28, 2026 8:18:50 pm

I am adamantly opposed to the monumental arch at Memorial Circle. The scale of this proposed arch is completely out of line with nearby monuments and vistas. It would overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, block the important vistas of Arlington Cemetery and cause traffic tie-ups at the Circle. The circle currently provides a beautiful entrance and view toward Arlington Cemetery and should not be desecrated with the Trump Arch.
This proposal should not even be considered until it has gone through the Congressional review process and has been proposed with the passage of legislation.
Please don't ignore the will of the people!

Name: John Henderson
Date: May 28, 2026 8:19:43 pm

This proposed arch is a ghastly travesty and must be stopped.

On my first visit to Washington DC with my family as a 6 year old in 1968, we made a point of visiting the Lincoln Memorial as the sun was setting to gaze at the Washington Monument as its lights came up in the Reflecting Pool. We turned to see the glow of Arlington Mansion and could faintly make out the eternal flame of JFK's tomb in the wooded darkness. Just two months later, RFK would join his brother on that hillside. The sanctity of these hallowed memorials was palpable to me as a small boy and the impression so indelible, that evening is alive to me nearly 60 years later.

I was too young to understand the intentional juxtaposition of these memorials - of locating Arlington National Cemetery here - and the opposing tension between the Lincoln Memorial and the Custis-Lee Mansion across the Potomac, what that meant in the sad retelling of the Union, Confederacy, and the Civil War.

It is entirely inappropriate and a crude insult to put a triumphal arch in the midst of these sacred grounds like some bloated bauble.

Name: Gail Newsome
Date: May 28, 2026 8:25:41 pm

I have read and I support the position of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, as outlined by Carol Quillen, with regard to the addition of the proposed arch. Let Paris be Paris! And let Lincoln be us!

Name: Therese Andre
Date: May 28, 2026 8:26:45 pm

The proposed Monumental Arch does not fit into the design of the area. It would be a disgrace to have such a large, overdone thing put up for no good reason whatsoever.

Name: Gail Millerdeforest
Date: May 28, 2026 8:37:04 pm

The arch will be an intruder to the wonderful planned out park that is there. It a very peaceful and beautiful, it brings many people solace just to walk it. I just don't understand why we are letting this man destroy the beauty of decades!

Name: Carol Geu
Date: May 28, 2026 8:44:10 pm

The arch does not integrate with the other monuments/memorials in the proposed area. It is completely out of proportion with sacred sites. I strongly urge you to reject the arch.

Name: Mark Tezel
Date: May 28, 2026 8:44:50 pm

I respectfully oppose the proposed Monumental Arch. The project's scale appears overbearing and would significantly disrupt and obscure historic and symbolic view corridors, particularly those connecting Arlington National Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial. These vistas are an essential part of the nation's capital landscape and should be preserved. Additionally, the proposed funding for this project could be more effectively directed toward critical National Park maintenance needs or programs that directly benefit the American people. For these reasons, I urge the Commission to reconsider and not advance this proposal.

Name: Richard Walton
Date: May 28, 2026 8:50:57 pm

Strong Opposition
I strongly oppose this project. The lack of justification for the project as a whole, the gaudy design, and obvious mismatch with other monuments in Washington, DC make this a horrible idea. It should be rejected in total.

Name: Barbara Brennan
Date: May 28, 2026 8:54:26 pm

The proposed arch is an insult to the memory of all those buried at Arlington National Cemetery and should not be allowed.
I object strenuously.

Name: Elsa Johnson
Date: May 28, 2026 9:02:12 pm

the proposed arch is entirely inappropriate in both intent (to honor an acting living president who has done nothing to deserve such honor) and in design (it grotesquely dominates this historic landscape).

Name: Zachary Schrag
Date: May 28, 2026 9:08:11 pm

As a resident of Arlington, Virginia, and a historian of Washington, DC, I oppose all versions of the "New Monumental Arch." The axis from the Lincoln Memorial across Memorial Bridge to Arlington National Cemetery functions as a unified reminder of the cost of the Civil War and the reconstruction of the union. It should not be interrupted.

Sincerely,

Zachary Schrag

Name: Janet Rekesius
Date: May 28, 2026 9:16:26 pm

We do not need or want a monumental arch. This will disrupt the views, and add a tacky vanity project in conflict with the solemnity of Arlington National Cemetery. Historical preservation must be considered.
Do not honor someone who himself has no honor.

Name: Cheryl Johnson
Date: May 28, 2026 9:20:21 pm

This will destroy the views that are iconic and beautiful and reflective for our visitors. Who is this for ? One man and his ego.

Name: Sean Tucker
Date: May 28, 2026 9:22:53 pm

The proposed monumental arch should not be approved. Please decline it.

It aesthetically disrupts the intent of DC's design, blocking the transition from the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington cemetery and thus disrupting the symbolic link between the sacrifice of the civil war and the end of slavery.
It's also symbolically inaccurate. In Ancient Rome, a triumphal arch was built to memorialize a particular military victory. This one signifies nothing, tied to no specific event. As such, it risks mockery as a grand celebration of no accomplishment.
Finally, it has grown politically divisive, which is a perfect illustration of why past planning commissions have never honored the living, always allowing the passage of time to place people and events in context before considering any request for a monument.

Please protect the integrity of deliberative process, the symbolic meaning of our city's layout, and the need to accomplish great things before earning long-term acclaim by denying permission for the arch, or delaying the decision for 25 years to allow it to earn its proper context.

Name: Vanessa Rini-Lopez
Date: May 28, 2026 9:28:11 pm

This project is a waste of tax payer dollars and it is not needed. Additionally traffic in the DMV is already brutal and this will make traffic on a main road worse. This money would be better spent on improving roads and bridges in DC.
Thank you.

Name: Gail Wadsworth
Date: May 28, 2026 9:33:24 pm

You have to be kidding me! Our narcissist in chief does not need any more approval of his vanity projects. Our citizens need food, housing and affordable utilities. I, and everyone I know, oppose this ridiculous edifice. I hate the size of it. I hate the vulgarity of it. I hate that it centers the house of a traitor.
I say, stop it now!!!

Name: James Oldham
Date: May 28, 2026 9:33:34 pm

This project is wrong for all the reasons provided by its numerous opponents. It is a 'monumental' waste of taxpayer money and just another terrible defacing of public facilities by the Trump administration. It should not be approved to proceed.

Name: Elizabeth Chamish
Date: May 28, 2026 9:36:21 pm

I do not approve of the arch. It has no historical significance and will negatively impact traffic in the area.

Name: Carol Mackey
Date: May 28, 2026 9:50:04 pm

This giant arch is not needed whatsoever because this is nothing but a VANITY PROJECT FOR TRUMP at the taxpayers' expense.
If he wants an arch, he can put one at every one of his golf courses at his expense and not the taxpayers' expense. We all are tired of his only care is worrying about vanity projects and lining his own pockets. Therefore, this project should be a no go.

Name: Rachel Fields
Date: May 28, 2026 9:51:18 pm

I believe this is so out of touch with what is going on here in the US. I do not think that ANY tax dollars should go to this project. With the cost of gas, groceries and housing, how is this even a priority? Maybe focus on helping the American people who are struggling. Focus on affordable healthcare, not a vanity project. I am so disgusted with my government and the total lack of awareness with what is actually going on What a pathetic waste of money.

Name: SallyAnn Rogers
Date: May 28, 2026 9:51:51 pm

The proposed location of this arch will interrupt the view between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington cemetery. This is an iconic view and needs to be protected. In Washington, DC, as our capital city, every building and memorial are historic and a great deal of thought needs to be put into any changes before it is done.

Name: James Barnes
Date: May 28, 2026 10:00:22 pm

No. Please no. The people don't want this ego stain on the mall. Listen to the people.

Name: Nathaniel Green
Date: May 28, 2026 10:03:15 pm

I object to this arch in its entirety. It is nothing more than a vanity project for Donald Trump. He is a pathetic, incompetent, disgusting, vile human being, and this arch's entire purpose is to serve as a monument to him. Regardless of the rhetoric, that is the actual purpose. It is awful. It is anti-democratic. It should not be built.

Name: Beth Maloney
Date: May 28, 2026 10:13:41 pm

Stop this disgraceful vanity project. Honor those first buried on Lee's property who died in service of saving the Union and those who served with honor protecting this country in the following years.

Name: Rebecca Czuchry
Date: May 28, 2026 10:30:19 pm

No arch. This is not 1930s Germany. Just no.

Name: Mary Balcerak
Date: May 28, 2026 10:31:56 pm

I do not like the idea of this gigantic arch at all. I visited DC as an 8th grader while Ford was president. I remember the sweeping views, the simple grandeur. It was obvious that there was a general plan for how all this would connect. I am tired of Don Trump rearranging everything to his taste. He is but a mere occupant.

Name: Elizabeth Bone
Date: May 28, 2026 10:35:33 pm

Hi,
I am writing to express my unqualified opposition to the planned new Arch in DC. There are many reasons why I oppose it (cost, lack of collaborative planning, appearance...), but mostly I have not heard a compelling reason to build an arch. If it gets built, I will then campaign to have it destroyed. It would be a waste, but allowing a single president to choose to construct buildings on public space is not a precedent that we should let stand. Same goes for the ballroom and the reflecting pool.
Elizabeth Bone

Name: Kathryn Zylland
Date: May 28, 2026 10:38:36 pm

Absolutely not! This arch is absurd - it is in the wrong place, it is the wrong size, it is the wrong style, and it is a waste of money. No!

Name: Melanie Hampton
Date: May 28, 2026 10:39:44 pm

Our nation's capital is a living breathing city, not set in stone. The Vietnam War memorial is a good example of something more recently added to the monument area that does not take away from existing pieces. The proposed arch is ludicrous. It is too big in scale, the design does not fit with other pieces in the area, blocks the view and the intended layout of the area, and overall is an expense our country doesn't need to spend. Please do not approve the building of this arch.

Name: Trudy Gonzales
Date: May 28, 2026 10:43:23 pm

Donald Trump dodged the draft 5 times. Donald Trump refused to go to Vietnam while others were drafted and died yet Donald Trump now wants a vanity arch with his name on it to overshadow those who went to war and died in wars. This proposal is not only insulting, it's obscene.
NO to Trump's monumental arch.

Name: Anita Barrett
Date: May 28, 2026 10:44:55 pm

Ridiculous waste of public funds.

Name: Robert Narberes
Date: May 28, 2026 10:44:56 pm

This idea and project is gut wrenching and disgraceful to the whole capital memorial architecture and I oppose it in the strongest terms.

Name: Joanie Gutermuth
Date: May 28, 2026 10:45:48 pm

I very strongly oppose the Monumental Arch. The main reason for my opposition is cost. Taxpayers are struggling to buy gas, groceries, and other basic necessities. It is offensive to use taxpayer funds and public property on a vanity project. In addition, this unnecessary and unwanted structure would obscure one of our great National properties, Arlington National Cemetery. This is disrespectful to the men and women buried there, their families, and the American people, who wish to honor those who served our Country in the military.

Name: Lisa Houlihan
Date: May 28, 2026 10:47:00 pm

Without considering any possible architectural or patriotic merit, the arch that the current regime wishes to erect would take funds from the public without benefiting them. No claim of its being "privately funded" is credible, since "private" funds are extracted from the people's physical, psychic, and emotional labor by the extractive financial tier of society.

Architecturally, it is ridiculous to build anything so tall. Commemorative structures should inspire gratitude and perhaps reverence whereas this is a vanity project for a regime that lacks humility or patriotism or honor or anything remotely presidential or worthy of respect.

Stop this monstrosity.

Name: Laura Chatain
Date: May 28, 2026 10:54:03 pm

This is a ridiculous vanity project and should not be built.

Name: Steven Caristo
Date: May 28, 2026 11:00:44 pm

The proposed new arch is a monumental waste of money, wholly unnecessary, and astonishingly shameful for a draft dodger to erect it anywhere near Arlington National Cemetery. I am fully against the building or installation of this ridiculous arch.

Name: Patricia Annoni
Date: May 28, 2026 11:31:25 pm

The location of the proposed Arch, at Memorial Circle, will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House. One of the most symbolic landscape vistas in Washington, DC, the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States. Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed with a low profile to respect the visual and symbolic vistas connecting the National Mall and National Cemetery. If constructed as planned at the proposed location, the new Triumphal Arch will obscure the intentional axial and aesthetic relationships between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House.

Name: Peter Tannen
Date: May 28, 2026 11:37:40 pm

Hello.

I am strongly opposed to the proposed memorial arch.at the Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. It is out of scale with its surroundings and will detract from other existing monuments. This country should not be erecting a monument to the vanity of a living president because that president desired it.

In addition, the review of the proposal under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act has not started. The mandated review process must be completed prior to approval of this project.

Please do not approve this project.

Thank you.
Peter S Tannen .

Name: Judith Habicht Mauche
Date: May 28, 2026 11:51:02 pm

The proposed arch will destroy the sanctity of Arlington National Cemetery. It will destroy the view shed. It will dwarf the Lincoln Memorial. It is a flight hazard for planes landing at Washington National Airport. It is pretentious and ugly. It does not have congressional approval or any legal appropriations. Please do not approve this project. Protect and preserve D.C.

Name: Donna Peronace
Date: May 29, 2026 12:04:39 am

I am writing to share my concerns about the size and placement of the proposed Monumental Arch. The current layout of the area from the Lincoln Memorial over the Arlington Memorial Bridge to the Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House was designed as a symbolic landscape and view. It represents the Post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south. Memorial Circle is open for a reason. To suddenly insert this oversized Arch into the view is inappropriate and unattractive. Furthermore the size and placement is disrespectful to our honored dead at Arlington National Cemetery. Also, the placement would obscure the relationship between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House. And in certain views would frame Arlington House thus symbolically elevating Robert E. Lee's home. Given Lee's betrayal of his oath and resigning his commission to serve the Confederacy, this is completely inappropriate and sends a terrible message.

The proposed size of the Arch is inconsistent with the other monuments on the National Mall and displays the current administration's lack of respect for our history. It is my understanding that the Commemorative Works Act requires the project be approved by Congress and should not "interfere with, or encroach on, an existing commemorative work and to the maximum extent practicable, protect open space, existing public use, and cultural and natural resources." Lastly, where is the money coming from for this project? I strongly object to taxpayer dollars being spent on an inappropriate, unnecessary Arch when so many Americans are struggling with high prices and lack of access to healthcare.

Name: Linda Mazzitelli
Date: May 29, 2026 12:14:43 am

The proposed arch will mar the current landscape and be proportionally out of scale with the other monuments in the area. We should carefully consider all requests for either demolition and/or construction of new or existing structures and ensure the public has a voice in what their city (not dictated by an individual no matter what office they hold) should consider. My vote is a strong "NO!"

Name: Ange Knutso
Date: May 29, 2026 12:23:25 am

Please please do not move forward with this project. It's absolutely abominable. We do not need it or want it.

Name: Walter Phillips
Date: May 29, 2026 12:25:05 am

Trump's "Memorial Arch" is a project that needs to be voted down. There is no redeeming value to an ugly arch that only "honors" him. It would destroy the existing sight lines between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. This shows a huge disrespect to our fallen service members. Our veterans and family members of those interred at Arlington deserve better. There is also the question of who pays for this monstrosity. I do not want to see taxpayer dollars go to a project like this. Sadly, the committee that "approved" this project are all Trump appointees and will vote the way he wants them to vote. This is NOT how our country should work. Please do NOT let this project happen.

Name: John Platt
Date: May 29, 2026 1:09:25 am

Dear Commissioners,
This proposal to build an Arch of Triumph when our country is facing massive deficits is ludicrous. Citizens are having a hard time meeting basic costs of living. We are spending massive amounts of money on the military and running an ill planned war. This proposal is a slap in the face to the American people and a complete waste of money.
Thank you,
John Platt
Tacoma, Washington

Name: Leilani Wilmore
Date: May 29, 2026 1:29:27 am

The arch is hideous and should not be built. It will ruin our beautiful capitol city.

Name: marla felber
Date: May 29, 2026 1:32:53 am

The proposed location of the Arch would interrupt the highly significant visual relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House. These views were intentionally designed to symbolize the post–Civil War reconciliation between the North and South of the United States.

The scale of the Arch would obstruct the sightline between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. Its monumental size and grandeur would also detract from the solemn character of the cemetery.

It is inappropriate and should not be allowed to proceed forward in its current design.

Name: Andrea Bertram
Date: May 29, 2026 1:33:54 am

I am deeply concerned about the unprecedented height and scale of the proposed Triumphal Arch, which will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House. It foreshadows both the Lincoln Memorial, the Arlington House, the Arlington Cemetery as well. The long honored memorials should not be overshadowed by the proposed Arch when clearly in this scenario the Arch does noting to focus this time honored memorial site. The proposed Arch would be double the size of the Lincoln Memorial and would risk disrespecting this powerful and beloved monument. As such, the Triumphal Arch is inconsistent with the McMillan Plan and subsequent planning decisions that have stewarded the National Mall as a unified composition characterized by long, open, and uninterrupted viewsheds, with a clear hierarchy of monumental elements, that culminates at its western end at the Lincoln Memorial.

Name: Terrance Stodolka
Date: May 29, 2026 2:06:34 am

SUCH A COLOSSAL WASTE OF TAXPAYERS' MONEY... NEITHER FOR SAFETY NOR BETTERMENT OF THE ROAD...

Name: Sandra Rosenthal
Date: May 29, 2026 2:24:51 am

Please vote NO to Donald Trump's Monumental Arch.

Name: Mickie Johnson
Date: May 29, 2026 2:41:33 am

I oppose the construction of this arch.
Use the funds that would be spent on this unnecessary arch to help the homeless!

Name: Liza Burney
Date: May 29, 2026 2:47:07 am

"My opposition to the proposed 250-foot triumphal arch between Arlington National Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial comes from multiple fronts — legal, historical, and aesthetic.

1. Violation of historical sightlines

The arch would block the long-established, unobstructed view between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House (Robert E. Lee Memorial), a sightline symbolizing national unity after the Civil War. This view has been preserved for over a century and should not be interrupted.

2. Lack of congressional authorization

The lawsuit led by Public Citizen claims the project is “flatly unlawful” because it was not authorized by Congress, which is the body that should approve new monuments in D.C. The plaintiffs argue only Congress can authorize such a structure, and the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts has no authority to approve it without that approval.

3. Symbolic and patriotic concerns

Vietnam veterans and an architectural historian say the arch is being built without proper process and appears to be a monument to one man rather than a national commemoration. They frame it as disrespectful to fallen service members buried in Arlington, especially since one plaintiff had hoped to be interred there.

4. Aesthetic and design objections

The arch is gaudy and much too big, it disrupts the historic landscape and is an affront to the area’s dignity. Residents and visitors say it would “change the vibe of D.C.” and look like a copy of the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

5. Legal and procedural challenges

The Justice Department has moved to dismiss the lawsuit, claiming the plaintiffs lack standing, while the plaintiffs counter that the project is illegal without congressional authorization. A federal judge has denied a temporary halt to construction, but the case is ongoing.

6. Potential impacts beyond sightlines

The FAA is studying possible flight safety risks from the arch’s height near Reagan National Airport, and some opponents warn it could alter the city’s skyline and historical character WTOP News.

In summary, the main arguments against the arch center on its disruption of a historic view, lack of proper legal authorization, perceived disrespect to veterans, and concerns over its scale and design."

Name: Deborah Bice
Date: May 29, 2026 3:20:45 am

The location, size / design, timing, and cost of Trump's proposed arch are deeply problematic. This project should not be allowed to proceed.

Name: Jude Wilber
Date: May 29, 2026 4:11:34 am

Bullshit on both Arches : The Wrassling Arch and the Memorial Arch...

Name: Robbin Ossi
Date: May 29, 2026 5:27:08 am

Arlington Memorial Bridge was intentionally designed with a low profile to respect the visual and symbolic vistas connecting the National Mall and National Cemetery. If constructed as planned at the proposed location, the new Triumphal Arch will obscure the intentional axial and aesthetic relationships between the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Memorial Bridge, and Arlington House.

The unprecedented height and scale of the proposed Triumphal Arch, will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House. The proposed Arch would be double the size of the Lincoln Memorial and would risk disrespecting this powerful and beloved monument. As such, the Triumphal Arch is inconsistent with the McMillan Plan and subsequent planning decisions that have stewarded the National Mall as a unified composition characterized by long, open, and uninterrupted viewsheds, with a clear hierarchy of monumental elements, that culminates at its western end at the Lincoln Memorial.

In addition, the proposed location of the Arch, at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, is inconsistent with the solemn historic character of Arlington National Cemetery. The hallowed resting place of 400,000 veterans and their families, Arlington National Cemetery is a powerful reminder of American military sacrifice, selfless service, and national unity, all within sight of the monumental core of the Nation's Capital. Distinguished by the Tomb of the Unknowns, Memorial Avenue, and rolling hillsides of uniform rows of simple headstones, Arlington National Cemetery is a living memorial that honors thirty funeral services each day. The Arch, as proposed, would dominate Arlington National Cemetery, and be inconsistent with its hallowed character of solemn graves with powerful, unadorned white markers.

Name: Marlene Bienkowski
Date: May 29, 2026 6:06:31 am

This is to submit my total objection to the construction of the so-called Triumphal Arch anywhere in Washington DC. Aside from the fact that currently there is no particular "triumph" to celebrate, its location, size, and cost are beyond any reasonable person's best judgement. To overshadow the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery with an admitted vanity project is an abomination that should have never been considered and should be stopped in its tracks. Thank you.

Name: Louise Fuller
Date: May 29, 2026 6:17:31 am

No arch

Name: Maureen Clarke
Date: May 29, 2026 6:19:59 am

I strongly object to the construction of this arch that will permanently alter the historic view that already exists. This is an illegal project on public land, illegally planned by this president glorify only himself. There has been no Section 106 evaluation. There has been no consideration of alternative locations. This project should not be allowed to move forward.

Name: Patrice Pennington
Date: May 29, 2026 6:30:05 am

Trump's illegalities and corruption are ruining our country. He truly is a vile and hateful man. His projects of tearing down the Rose Garden, the West Wing and changing the reflecting pool make me sick when I think of them. Please do not let him block Arlington Cemetery with this fascist monument to himself.

Name: Simon Rucker
Date: May 29, 2026 6:58:47 am

Hello:

I would like to submit comments on the proposed arch. It appears that:

- It needs to be approved by Congress.
- It interferes with existing commemorative works and fails to protect existing public uses and cultural resources.
- It will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House.
- The the unprecedented height and scale of the proposed Triumphal Arch is inappropriate for the setting.
- The review of the proposal under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act has not yet been initiated.

Therefore, until such time as this project is approved by Congress and reviewed under Section 106, this project cannot move forward and does not have my support (or that of the vast majority of Americans).

Thank you.

- Simon Rucker

Name: Elke Hanna
Date: May 29, 2026 7:10:02 am

This is a TERRIBLE idea for many reasons!
First, its height and position detract from Arlington Cemetery.
Second, a monument should not be built by a person to honor himself.
Third, at this moment of economic uncertainty for so many Americans, money should not be spent for something like this.

Name: Richard Heiland
Date: May 29, 2026 7:21:33 am

I cannot imagine ever visiting DC if this monstrosity is constructed. The Mall and adjacent areas tell a story of our nation. Each has meaning and together they are powerful.

This obscene monument to one man's ego cheapens all we honor in DC.

Please reject it.

Name: Ellen Honeycutt
Date: May 29, 2026 7:21:53 am

I am concerned about the location, height, scale, and design of the proposed Triumphal Arch, the manner in which it interferes with existing commemorative works and fails to protect existing public uses and cultural resources. I share the National Trust's concern about the unprecedented height and scale of the proposed Triumphal Arch, which will overwhelm the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington House. The proposed Arch would be double the size of the Lincoln Memorial and would risk disrespecting this powerful and beloved monument. As such, the Triumphal Arch is inconsistent with the McMillan Plan and subsequent planning decisions that have stewarded the National Mall as a unified composition characterized by long, open, and uninterrupted viewsheds, with a clear hierarchy of monumental elements, that culminates at its western end at the Lincoln Memorial.

Name: Amy Nestor
Date: May 29, 2026 7:29:27 am

We do not more government wasteful spending on an arch. Take that money and instead fund:

1. Veterans' housing and mental health care
A lot of veterans are fighting battles long after the uniforms come off. Permanent housing programs, PTSD treatment, addiction recovery, job placement — that money could become actual stability instead of decorative stone.
2. Fixing collapsing infrastructure
America has roads that feel like lunar craters and bridges older than disco. One flashy monument budget could repair water systems, transit lines, sidewalks, or public schools in struggling areas.
3. Child nutrition programs
Feeding kids shouldn't be controversial. Expanded school breakfast/lunch access and summer meal programs produce measurable long-term benefits in health, learning, and crime reduction.
4. Affordable housing initiatives
Rents are climbing like they're trying to escape Earth's atmosphere. Funding mixed-income housing, first-time buyer assistance, or homelessness prevention would help real families immediately.
5. Scientific research and disaster preparedness
Hurricanes, floods, wildfires, pandemics — the future keeps sending invoices. Investing in research, climate resilience, emergency response systems, and medical innovation pays dividends for decades

Name: Kevin King
Date: May 29, 2026 7:30:09 am

From: Kevin King, AIA
[REDACTED]
Washington, DC
[REDACTED]

The proposed 250-foot triumphal arch, currently advancing toward a federal approval vote on June 4, would stand at Memorial Circle between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. That proximity deserves more scrutiny than it has received.

The axis connecting those two landmarks was not designed by accident. Lincoln bore the weight of a war he knew would define the nation's soul, and he framed its meaning not as victory but as obligation to bind up wounds, to reconcile, to endure together. Arlington Cemetery, carved from the estate of Robert E. Lee, extended that meaning into the landscape itself. The view between them is an act of civic philosophy, sustained deliberately for over a century.

A triumphal arch is a specific form with a specific meaning. It commemorates conquest. It announces dominance. It is the shape of a power that has prevailed over others.

Placing that form on this axis doesn't add meaning to the site. It replaces the meaning already there by substituting triumph for reconciliation, dominance for grief shared across a divide.

Washington's monumental landscape has always argued for something. This proposal argues for the wrong thing, in the wrong place.

Kevin King, AIA
Washington, DC

Name: Leslie Jones
Date: May 29, 2026 7:34:35 am

I do not want that arch placed in Washington DC, or anywhere near the people's house. I do not want my tax money paying for this monumental arch.

Name: Joan Mullins
Date: May 29, 2026 7:44:10 am

As an American citizen, I object to the construction of a massive arch that will permanently alter the historic planned view shed that already exists. There has been no Section 106 evaluation. There has been no consideration of alternative locations. This project should not be allowed to move forward and if it does, it will need to be removed and the area and the historic line of sight be restored.

Name: Eleanor Garvey
Date: May 29, 2026 7:49:49 am

This project is a huge waste of money and a blight upon the history and vistas of Washington DC. The destruction of the White House was bad enough, but the Arch project takes wastefulness and arrogance to a new level of corruption and stupidity. Please take all possible steps to shut down this project immediately. Thank you.

Name: Virginia Lincoln
Date: May 29, 2026 7:52:56 am

First he destroyed the White House and not just by tearing down the East Wing but by gilding everything. Then he ruined the reflecting pool. Now he wants an arch because he is jealous of Paris. This idea is ridiculous, tacky and absurd. This has nothing to do with the United States but with his own narcissism and aggrandizement. People cannot afford groceries so let's build an arch. He is throwing individuals with support animals out of housing, but let's build and arch. Let's sell public land so we can build an arch. This is not Russia. This is not Nazi Germany. NO ARCH!!!! Feed the people! Provide health care. Make housing affordable. Stop the idiotic war. End his need to build things he can put his name on. NO ARCH!!

Name: Gwen Klemm
Date: May 29, 2026 7:57:43 am

I am writing to voice opposition to the proposed Monumental Arch in DC. It will ruin the sight lines between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery which were placed purposefully to commemorate the country's unity after the horrific losses during the Civil War. We have committees designated to discuss and plan for this type of monument and they were not consulted. Trust the planners and find a different location, if it must be built at all. On another note, the choice to construct this monument during a war and when people are struggling financially is not optimum.

Name: Mary Colbert
Date: May 29, 2026 7:59:45 am

Please do not approve this arch. It will change DC and not in a good way. The arch is oversized, poorly designed, and it just seems plopped in the wrong place. It will dwarf the Lincoln Memorial and change the entrance to the Arlington Cemetery, where our veterans are buried and many consider a sacred place. A proposal like this requires a great deal of thought, study, and input. It is being done too quickly, and if approved will be regretted. The required review process hasn't even started. Stop this project. It is wrong, but if it must be proposed do it the right way. We do not need an arch like this and most Americans don't want an arch like this.

Name: Marie McGrath
Date: May 29, 2026 8:04:01 am

As a taxpayer I STRONGLY disapprove of building an Arch anywhere in our Nations Capital especially the location where it would interfere with historical and sacred sites. This lunacy has to stop. We the People should be deciding changes made to our American Capital City. Come on you judges and politicians Do Not Let this Happen!!!!!!
Enough is Enough!!!!

Name: Diane Sawanobori
Date: May 29, 2026 8:07:11 am

This Trump vanity arch would disrupt the intentional, uninterrupted view between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House at Arlington National Cemetery—a sightline designed as a symbol of national reconciliation following the Civil War. This proposed arch would dwarf the existing sacred and historical monuments. This arch project feeds the president's ego rather than honoring the nation or its veterans. I have relatives (true patriots) buried in Arlington and this vanity project is an insult to their memory. It is reprehensible that this proposed project is bypassing legislative approval and using previously authorized war monument funds. At a time when so many Americans are economically struggling, the absurdly unnecessary expense is appalling.

Name: Julie Jacob
Date: May 29, 2026 8:26:48 am

I am strongly opposed to the planned Monumental Arch. The proposed arch is far too big and will overwhelm and detract from the dignity and serenity of Arlington National Cemetery. It is no place for a huge, gaudy arch. In fact, no place is appropriate for this ugly arch. The beauty of Washington, D.C., has always been its simplicity and modesty. We are not, nor should we be, a country with gaudy, oversized monuments.

This arch should not be built.

Name: Serena Serrano
Date: May 29, 2026 8:31:52 am

I am writing as a supporter of monuments in DC that show support for this triumphant country and its veterans, but WHY ARE WE COPYING ANOTHER COUNTRY AND ITS MONUMENT?!? This is America, a country of innovative greatness and we are building something that looks just like so many other arches throughout Europe. Have you ever heard the phrase, "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery"?! Why are we imitating Europe to show our strength? That is an embarrassment of laziness and we are better than that.

[Attachment](#)

Name: JOHN COSTELLO
Date: May 29, 2026 8:34:18 am

Terrible no good idea. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Name: Susan Harvey
Date: May 29, 2026 8:34:52 am

This arch is not needed... costly to taxpayers who will be responsible for it's upkeep for yrs. It blocks beautiful views. There is enough waste in today's government spending...please listen to the people and do not put up this ugly reminder of this time in our history!!

Name: Ellen Malloy
Date: May 29, 2026 8:37:27 am

I am writing to oppose the proposed Triumphal Arch at Memorial Circle, and I want to be direct about why. This site was chosen deliberately over a century ago to honor the dead of the Civil War — to frame, without obstruction, the view between Arlington National Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial. That uninterrupted sightline has stood for over 100 years as a quiet act of national reconciliation. A 250-foot arch — taller than anything else in that landscape — does not honor that history. It buries it. The scale alone should give pause. The arch would stand more than twice the height of the Lincoln Memorial. Even the architect who first proposed an arch at this site has publicly said 250 feet is too large for the location. When the people most knowledgeable about a project's own design principles object to its execution, that's worth taking seriously. The process troubles me as much as the project itself. Both the Commission of Fine Arts and the NCPC have been stocked with political appointees loyal to the current regime who proposed this structure. Of approximately 1,000 public comments received before the Fine Arts Commission vote, 99.5 percent opposed the arch — and the commission approved it anyway. Public comment is not a formality. When virtually unanimous opposition is simply set aside, it stops being a process and becomes a performance. Vietnam veterans and an architectural historian have filed suit arguing that the project bypasses the legal requirement for congressional authorization of new monuments on federal land. That question deserves a real answer before any construction proceeds, not an end-run through a claimed loophole. DC News Now I'm asking the NCPC to do what the Commission of Fine Arts did not: take the public record seriously, weigh the legal questions that remain unresolved, and withhold approval until those questions are answered. Washington's monumental landscape belongs to all Americans and to history.

Name: Margaret Burns
Date: May 29, 2026 8:47:13 am

I am opposed to the arch as currently designed. It is too large for that piece of land and its position will block extremely important views of the Lincoln Memorial from Arlington and of Arlington Cemetery from the Lincoln and the Memorial Bridge. A significantly smaller arch, less than 100 ft in height or one in another part of the District that does not reduce current sight lines to other historical and memorial places would be acceptable. Also, as we approach our 250th national establishment anniversary, we should curtail ALL construction projects within 50 miles of the Washington Monument.

Name: Suchada V. Langley
Date: May 29, 2026 8:50:29 am

My view for the Commission: The proposed Independent Arc should not be built. The independence Arch, near the Memorial Circle, of 250-foot would obstruct the symbolic sight between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National. The Arc would create a terrible traffic jam, and be a big bottle neck for leaving and entering the Washington D.C. It is a big security risk for the country.

Name: Jeanette Corlett McGovern
Date: May 29, 2026 8:55:15 am

Trashy arch in the middle of a green space with tranquil views of our Nation's beautiful monuments that were thoughtfully designed. The current Administration's tackiness and self absorption should not be built. Terrible lesson in urban planning!

Name: John Supanich
Date: May 29, 2026 9:08:57 am

This is another boondoggle coming from an administration we will try to erase the memory of, if our nation survives its predations. There is no public support for this ego-driven project and no parallel in American history to its obscenity. Its very proposal is an embarrassment, and if built it will only exist to be torn down and forgotten like the rotted legacy of its originator. For the sake of our current cultural, our common American, and our global values, this project cannot and will not be built.

Thank you
John Supanich

Name: Rich Braatz
Date: May 29, 2026 9:34:08 am

A tasteless distraction with no Historical significance.
A monstrosity of a monument to vanity , and a distraction from Arlington where people are honoured who actually served the Country.

If it gets built start a crowd sourced fundraising effort to have it torn completely down in the future.

Name: Anne Hopp
Date: May 29, 2026 9:38:53 am

I concur with the concerns raised by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and am vehemently opposed to using taxpayer funds for construction of the Trumphial Arch. I lived in the DC area for 17+ years. This proposed Arch would ruin the beautiful and inspiring view across the DC landscape, and serves no memorial or commemorative purpose for our Nation; it only serves the ego of one man. Reject this project in its entirety. Thank you.

Name: Christine Laing
Date: May 29, 2026 9:44:39 am

I oppose the construction of the Monumental Arch, proposed by Donald Trump. This unnecessary structure would be a waste of taxpayer money spent to glorify the ego of the current president. In addition it would ruin the view, dwarf the Lincoln Memorial, and disrupt traffic. One person wants this. It would benefit only one person . We should not give in to the self indulgent whims of this one person.

Name: Dory Holzapfel
Date: May 29, 2026 9:47:03 am

I am absolutely appalled that I even need to come here to address my concerns about the building of a tribute arch to a draft-dodging, disrespectful president that will obscure the memorials of our fallen military in Arlington National Cemetery. How did we get to the point where careful planning and thoughtful plan submissions for changes to our nation's sacred capital have just given way to the folly of one man? Please, scrap this ridiculous project before it even begins. The various memorials in D.C. have been carefully curated and planned throughout our history to respect one another, to honor those that have given all to our nation. This project has no such value for our country or nation's capital. My husband was career Navy, along with his father, and grandfather, and both of my grandfathers served in the Army. Their service deserved more honor than putting up a contentious monolith to please a selfish dictator, whose entire family has not served a minute in our nation's military. Also, ruining the view of the Lincoln memorial, and the careful planning of each angle of these monuments so that they complement each other and encourage reflection in our nation's history, would be horrific. My daughter resides on Capitol Hill, and I know from her communications that the local D.C. residents oppose this construction even more strongly than those of us in other parts of the country.

Please, do something, and listen to the people of this capital and this nation. Stop the construction of this wasteful, unnecessary, and undeserved arch.

Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Paul Oppenheimer
Date: May 29, 2026 9:47:51 am

Trump's monumental arch project is a monument to his own folly. It is ill conceived, ill placed, and offensive to all sensibilities.

That taxpayer dollars should support the construction of this monstrosity makes me want to become a tax resistor.

I beg you, with all of my heart to put a stop to this wretched project.

Sincerely,

Paul Oppenheimer MD

Name: Tammy FLOWE
Date: May 29, 2026 9:48:58 am

Please, preserve the dignity of our nation's capital. This is nothing but tacky and horrendously ugly. Very low class.

Name: Lawrence Rubin
Date: May 29, 2026 9:50:56 am

Tantrum Trump's proposed arche de Trump is an abomination, is not in the tradition of American monuments, is an insult to those dead soldiers lying in Arlington National Cemetery, destroys the connection between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery, looks a lot like Hitler's arch in Berlin, and is just another Tantrum Trump vanity project. I urge you to put an end to this proposed monstrosity!

Name: Jan Jones
Date: May 29, 2026 10:00:57 am

NO ARCH

Name: Andrew Shurman
Date: May 29, 2026 10:01:02 am

A huge arch obscuring existing monuments is unnecessary and offensive. Such an oversized, antiquated , militaristic design doesn't add to our experience when visiting the nation's capital.

Name: Mary Dugan
Date: May 29, 2026 10:01:29 am

Trump continues to deface the people's property. He should not be permitted to do these things. The American people should have a say in what is being done. Someone should stop this nonsense

Name: Greg Hoesly
Date: May 29, 2026 10:01:58 am

This proposed arch is not only oversized, but is proposed to be placed in a location totally inappropriate for any such arch. It will block the symbolic sightline of the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House. The proposed size would diminish the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery. Using public funds for such a vanity project for our current president is wrong, bypasses congress and is a total waste of money.

Name: Peter Elsea
Date: May 29, 2026 10:04:35 am

I am firmly an absolutely against building a new arch in Washington DC. It will dramatically change the whole environment and obstruct views of Arlington Cemetery. It is being done to inflate the president's ego, and even if it were not, it is improper in that place and not needed. Please vote against it.

Peter Elsea, MD

Name: Arlene Vetensky
Date: May 29, 2026 10:07:40 am

I am completely opposed to the construction of the proposed Monumental Arch. It would fly in the face of the relationship between Arlington National Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial. It too closely mimics the arch erected in Berlin, Germany under the Hitler regime.

The monuments in Washington DC were designed with intent and should be respected as they stand. I take the same stand regarding all of the changes at the White House. Please make certain that these changes do not take place. And demand that the original structures be restored.

Thank you

Name: Rosemary Codding
Date: May 29, 2026 10:08:14 am

Greetings, As wife of a Marine, and relative to over 6 family members at rest at Arlington National Cemetery, I am dismayed that this project is even being considered. Such a massive Arch will dwarf the Lincoln Memorial and disrupt the long, open, and uninterrupted views of Arlington National Cemetery. This is the hallowed resting place of over 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. I lived in Northern Virginia for over 45 years and often contemplated the significance of seeing the Cemetery's hills and graves and eternal flame from the Lincoln Memorial. To destroy that reverence is unthinkable. It is not lost on me that this is being proposed by someone who dodged the draft and called veterans "suckers and losers". Do not approve this Arch, respectfully, Rosemary

Name: Julie Smith
Date: May 29, 2026 10:12:19 am

A monument built by our government should have deep meaning for the people in this country and should stand for the principles in which this country was founded on. It should not be designed and developed by one individual and paid for by the people in order to satisfy that individuals need for recognition and ego. Not to mention that the design reminds one of the arch that was similarly designed by Hitler for similar reasons. Monies that would be needed to have such a monument built would and should be better spent on and for the people in this country.

Name: Tracy Patton
Date: May 29, 2026 10:13:05 am

The proposed project is inappropriate, gaudy, and tacky. The proposed arch's scale would overwhelm the beauty of the Lincoln Memorial and disrupt the bview and symbolism tying the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington Cemetery. Please do not approve this project.

Name: CORINNE HUGHES
Date: May 29, 2026 10:28:53 am

This massive structure will disrupt a key vista representing national unity, overshadowing the cemetery's solemn landscape. Renderings suggest the 250-foot, Paris-inspired arch—more than twice the height of the Lincoln Memorial—would dominate the skyline and block the view of Arlington National Cemetery from the Potomac River. The site, located at Memorial Circle, is designed to signify post-Civil War reconciliation. This arch would break the visual connection between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House. Additionally, the construction lacks required congressional approval and violates environmental regulations.

Name: Penelope Nye
Date: May 29, 2026 10:40:57 am

The proposed triumphal arch has no place in DC.

It doesn't memorialize anything and interferes with the intentionally designed and historically significant placement of the Lincoln Memorial and the cemetery's Arlington House.

It is disproportionate in size to the surroundings and it looks European rather than American.

This project must be stopped and I hope you will not cave to political pressure and take some pride in our real values and the importance of the historical relevancy of monuments in our capital.

Name: Maureen Bilsky
Date: May 29, 2026 10:46:24 am

To whom it may concern,
Do not build the arch. We do not need it. If future generations believe this Administration deserves a monument, they will have it done. Only History judges these types of things. Plus, as a Republican, the National Debt is a concern.
With regards,
Maureen Bilsky

Name: Sherrilynn James
Date: May 29, 2026 10:57:56 am

Please stop this administration from wasting any more of our tax dollars. This proposed arch is inappropriate and out of scale for the surrounding area. The idea is simply ridiculous!

Name: BONNIE DAVIS
Date: May 29, 2026 11:03:53 am

Sirs:

I beg of you to deny the building of a monumental arch anywhere in DC. First, there is nothing to commemorate, it is a vanity project of a highly unpopular president. Secondly, it will block the iconic view of Arlington Cemetery, our most sacred ground. And lastly, it cheapens the current monuments and architectural planning of DC.

Name: Wayne Levy
Date: May 29, 2026 11:05:21 am

100% Opposed. I have been traversing that bridge my whole life to visit family in Arlington and this will destroy the historic views. It does not fit the landscape and scale and is offensive at this size and scope.

I also add that the arch concept is the childish fantasy of our proto fascist fool in the White House. He is a scoundrel with no honor and no honors should ever be given to him by our nation.

Name: Edward Wang
Date: May 29, 2026 11:06:38 am

To the NCPC:

I am unalterably opposed to the construction of the so-called "Monumental Arch!" This project will destroy the classic and historic view of the Washington skyline and desecrate Arlington National Cemetery. In addition to there being no need for such a structure, it is only being considered because of the revolting narcissism of the current resident of the White House, whose delusions of grandeur seemingly have no end.

Please decide to terminate any plan for erecting this abomination.

Thank you for your attention.

Edward Wang
Bellingham WA

Name: Greg O'Malley
Date: May 29, 2026 11:08:26 am

I oppose the new monumental arch because it's design is not aligned or balanced with the other important monuments and historic sites nearby. It will dwarf the nearby Lincoln Memorial and disrupt the visual connection between the National Mall and Arlington Cemetery. The plan is ill conceived.

Name: Bernard Resnick
Date: May 29, 2026 11:11:22 am

May 29, 2026

Mr. Rodney Mims Cook, Jr., Chair
U.S. Commission of Fine Arts
401 F Street, NW, Suite 312
Washington, DC 20001
Re: CFA 21/MAY/26-1

Memorial Circle, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Washington, DC.
New Monumental Arch. Revised Concept.

Dear Mr. Cook:

I respectfully submit the following comments concerning the current proposal by the Executive Office of the President and the U.S. Department of the Interior to construct a new Triumphal Arch at Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. I strongly OBJECT to this structure as currently designed. I also want to remind the members of the CFA that the Commemorative Works Act requires the project to be approved by Congress, which, as far as I am aware, has yet to happen.

I am a lawyer practicing in the Philadelphia area, and I am also a former member of the Board of Directors of the Athenaeum Library in Philadelphia. The Athenaeum was founded in 1814, and which is one of the few remaining private shareholder libraries in the USA. The Athenaeum of Philadelphia Special Collections is globally recognized. Its holdings are among the premiere collections of Philadelphia architects and architecture and include 360,000 architectural drawings, 300,000 photographic images, and a 60,000-volume library. Included amongst the Athenaeum's collections are the architectural drawings of Frederick Law Olmsted, in particular his original designs for the dome of the US Capitol. Olmstead was an American landscape architect, journalist, social critic, and public administrator, and he is considered to be the father of landscape architecture in the United States.

One of the wonderful things about Washington, DC is that it is a planned city, where those in charge of public buildings and monuments have always used these structures to inspire its visitors, rather than to intimidate them. Most of the public edifices in Washington are appropriate in height, are harmoniously placed in a way that pleases the eye, honor our nation's humble heritage, and respect local flora and fauna. If built as it is currently planned, this oversized Monumental Arch will be the antithesis of these time-honored concepts.

Given the plethora of already existing monuments in the Washington, D.C. area, as well as the huge expense of this project, I question why building an "XL"-sized structure which will interrupt the sightlines from the District to Arlington National Cemetery and dwarf the surrounding monuments is even necessary. Instead, I respectfully suggest that the CFA take a fresh look at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the memorial arch in Valley Forge National Park, or the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier in Washington Square in Philadelphia. These memorials are places of quiet reflection. They are of a scale that respectfully honors those who sacrificed their lives to serve our nation, and allow the visitors to quietly remember those who were not able to return home to follow their American dreams.

In my opinion, erecting this garish white elephant smacks of an attempt to duplicate some of the war memorials in Europe, which do more to self-aggrandize the emperor who had them built than honor the deceased to whom they are supposedly dedicated. It is clear to me that the current plan for this Memorial Arch is, at best, an ego-driven eyesore. I also fail to see the wisdom of spending millions of dollars to build this unnecessary, cheezy arch in this difficult economic time, when many of our fellow citizens are being forced to make the awful choice of whether to sacrifice on groceries, gasoline or medical care just to stay financially afloat.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly object to the CFA approving this Memorial Arch as currently designed, if at all. I fervently disagree with spending some of my hard-earned taxpayer dollars on this wasteful project.

Thank you for considering my concerns and hearing my voice.

Very truly yours;

Bernard M. Resnick, Esq.

Name: Scott Brezovsky
Date: May 29, 2026 11:16:28 am

This does not fit with the carefully designed spaces in our capital. It would be an ugly eyesore and distracts from the Lincoln Memorial and cheapens the sacrifices our armed forces has given to this country by blocking the unobstructed view of Arlington. It would be a disgrace to their lives lost.

Name: Paula Aarons
Date: May 29, 2026 11:19:27 am

To Whom it May Concern,

I am appalled by this project. To disrupt and disrespect the Arlington Cemetery and all that this land represents with a self aggrandizing monument that costs the taxpayers an enormous amount of money is a national embarrassment. It is wasteful and it serves absolutely no purpose for the American people. During this time of great need and outcry this project is everything we do not need.

I am solidly against this project.

Thank you for your time,
Paula M Aarons
Gilsum, NH

Name: Ann Craig
Date: May 29, 2026 11:21:02 am

I object to the construction of the arch planned on the National Mall. The location, height, scale, and design of the proposed Monumental Arch will interfere with commemorative works like the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery, while also failing to protect some of the most symbolic landscape vistas in our nation's capital. This precious vista should not be interrupted. It dishonors the dead interred at Arlington Cemetery and especially dishonors the President who worked the hardest to preserve and protect our Union.

As this project moves forward, we urge the National Park Service to initiate consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Out of respect for our ancestors and heroes who sacrificed for our nation, I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to participate in a comprehensive review of this unfortunate design and consider alternatives that complement rather than detract from nearby historic landmarks, including the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery.

Name: W Starn
Date: May 29, 2026 11:22:39 am

We don't need an arch, we need safe roads and bridges.
We don't need an arch, we need affordable food and housing.
We don't need an arch, we need health care for everyone.
We don't need to glorify one man, we need to better the lives of everyone in the country.

Name: Laurel Herrmann
Date: May 29, 2026 11:22:57 am

There is really only one way to comment on this ridiculous project and that is with a big NO...a thousand times NO!

Name: E. OH
Date: May 29, 2026 11:29:34 am

I have seen photos of the proposed monumental arch and the arch is a grotesque, over-the-top, ridiculous looking waste of money and would be a blight on our nation's capital. This arch would be an embarrassment to the United States and looks like a tribute to Idi Amin. It would permanently mar the current well-thought-out placement of our other monuments and shared spaces in Washington, D.C., creating a foul layout, blocking views of the Lincoln Memorial and offering implicit praise of a Confederate general insurrectionist. Those whose idea this despicable breach of decency came from should be mocked and scorned. That you would even consider it, let alone accept it, shows not only lack of spine but complete subservience to idiocracy, much like the Duma in Russia or North Korea's phony parliament. This arch would make America the laughing stock of the world and symbolize its rapid fall from power across the globe. If you vote to accept it, you are part of that decline and will forever be mocked in history. If this arch comes about, one day it will be torn down (and rightly so) and your names will live on in infamy as the fools and anti-American groveling droobs who put it in place.

Name: Sharon Wesley
Date: May 29, 2026 11:33:01 am

I am vehemently opposed to the construction of this arch monument. It is an arbitrary expense we must not undertake in light of so many other current and coming pressing financial and societal needs.

Name: Kathy Sanchez
Date: May 29, 2026 11:34:57 am

Please refrain from building the proposed arch. It would overshadow Arlington Cemetery and disrespect the military personnel and families who have paid the ultimate price to protect our country. It is also a wasteful use of taxpayer money in times when so many are struggling to put food on the table and gas in the tank. Thanks very much for your leadership, service, and consideration.

Name: Porter Watkins
Date: May 29, 2026 11:45:44 am

The proposed Arch is not in the same style or size to what is in place and will block the beautiful landscape view of Arlington National Cemetery. I'm not sure why the current president thinks he can plaster what he feels is appropriate around the peoples house and city, but I feel that these things should be decided by those like this committee. Please block this gaudy addition to the city.

Name: Andrea Ferin
Date: May 29, 2026 11:51:47 am

I am opposed to the construction of Trump's "Triumphal Arch."

It is an architectural abomination, not in keeping with the impressive, cohesive design of the rest of our cherished national monuments.

Its overwrought, overly ornate, outsized and gaudy form is inappropriate, and patently un-American in character. The US is meant to be distinguished from the oppressive, autocratic monarchies of old Europe by our avoidance of imperial symbols.

Further, it will unforgivably disrupt the sanctity of our National Cemetery. A triumphal arch glorifies war, directly contravening the intended peacefulness of Arlington, over which it will loom.

Our national monuments and the gracious, planned design of our public spaces should not be destroyed by a vanity project that dwarfs the Lincoln Memorial.

I will resent it if even a cent of my tax dollars goes to this useless eyesore.

Name: Marcia Beckett
Date: May 29, 2026 11:52:35 am

I very much disapprove of the size and site of the New Monumental Arch de Triumph. I believe this should definitely go before Congress for approval. The site is a disgrace to the veterans who are buried at Arlington National Cemetery. It will overshadow everything and interrupt the line of site between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery. It is too big and unnecessary. Also, I do not approve of private funding by people and corporations wanting to gain favor with President Trump. He has shown that favors and pardons can be bought. Please consider this carefully and do not approve it.

Thank you
Marcia Beckett
[REDACTED]
Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Name: Jo Ann Robinson
Date: May 29, 2026 11:59:31 am

When the current occupant of the White House, and those propping him up, pass from the scene -- as they must and will -- reconstructing democracy and reclaiming its physical, philosophical and social foundations will be an immense task. We must be proactive now. Enforce the Commemorative Works Act and prohibit the construction of this outsized, ugly vanity project. Doing so will mean one less high-cost, labor-intensive removal project during the long recovery ahead. "When asked by a reporter whom the arch would be for, Trump said 'Me'." (New Yorker, April 21, 2026). Out of respect for those who lie in Arlington, and for the aspirations toward freedom and justice that are essential elements of our national history, you must not permit the erection of what is estimated to be the biggest symbol of personal power and aggrandizement in the world to go forward.

Name: Tom Bassarear
Date: May 29, 2026 12:13:49 pm

Noooooooooooooooooooooooooooo

Name: Loretta Smith
Date: May 29, 2026 12:26:28 pm

Monuments are not appropriate to erect for living individuals.

This president has done nothing deserving of a monument this size and scale.

The alignment to major historical presidential figures is close to blasphemous as you can get, given the responsibility and oath of office is to protect and defend the Constitution.

Name: Amy Kaminski
Date: May 29, 2026 12:28:08 pm

Hello,

I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed arch for Memorial circle. It is inconsistent with American values.

The arch would be a massive disruption to the beautiful and historically symbolic visual line from the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington Cemetery.

The arch has no meaningful commemorative purpose. The United States should reserve monuments and limited space in the DC area to commemorate important events and people (post-mortem) in our history.

The arch would be a safety hazard. It would disrupt the ability of drivers to see traffic around the circle, which was recently redesigned to improve traffic flow and safety. It would also be a safety hazard to air traffic approaching and leaving nearby DCA.

The arch would be a colossal waste of taxpayer money. Such funding would be much better put toward programs that actively make this nation great. Arches have no role in making a country great.

Amy Kaminski

Name: Tamar Granor

Date: May 29, 2026 12:36:39 pm

I write to object entirely to the proposed arch. Its style and location are not in keeping with the overall design of our national capitol, meant to remind us that we are a democratic republic, not a monarchy. In addition, its proposed location interferes with the relationship between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery, which was designed to remind us of (to quote Lincoln) those who "gave the last full measure of devotion" to ensure "a new birth of freedom". Interrupting that view with this oversized arch would be a desecration.

Name: Anne Peek

Date: May 29, 2026 12:38:31 pm

The arch as currently contemplated should be rejected. It is disrespectful of Arlington Cemetery, it is way out of proportion to everything else in Wash DC and it is, frankly, derivative and tacky.

Name: Julie Macier

Date: May 29, 2026 12:44:32 pm

I do not endorse the building of an arch in Washington, D.C. for the following reasons:

1. There should not be money made available for this project. The budget does not include sufficient money for important programs for the American people such as education, health care and the environment.
 2. I have safety concerns regarding the height of the arch in an already crowded airway.
 3. I have additional safety concerns regarding the disruption of automobile traffic on the bridge connecting Arlington, Virginia and Arlington Cemetery to Washington, D.C.
 4. This is not an appropriate symbol of our democracy. Historically in the last several hundred years, arches have been erected by dictators such as Napoleon, and emperors, such as King Friedrich William of Prussia. According to our Constitution, we are led by a President not a dictator or King.
 5. Aesthetically, the arch interrupts the symbolism linking the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington Cemetery. Also aesthetically, the arch as planned is too large and too gaudy.
- Thank you.
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-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Davison

Sent: Sunday, February 1, 2026 11:33 AM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Cc: Jeanne Davison; Sen. Mark Warner; Representative Ben Cline; Office of Senator Tim Kaine

Subject: [External] Arch

I am writing to let you know that I am totally opposed to Trumps plans to build an arch near the entrance to the Memorial bridge.

This proposed arch would destroy the view from Virginia into the Capital.

It would overshadow the serene entrance to Arlington, where my wife's father, a WWII hero is buried.

My fear is that Trump will move ahead, without approval, before it's too late to stop him. Case in point is the East Wing. Too late now to stop him.

This is a terrible idea and should be vetted by the American people.

What gives Trump the right to do this?

I beg you to consider my objections.

respectfully,

James Davison,

Winchester, Virginia

From: Shady Migally
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2026 11:00 AM
To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>
Subject: [External] Design Proposal For The Independence Arch

Please deliver this email to the Executive Director, Mr. Marcel Acosta

Dear Mr. Acosta,

My name is Shady Migally. I am an American architect and the CEO and founder of ME Innovations, with over 23 years of professional experience in architectural design across multiple countries. As our nation approaches its 250th anniversary, it is a profound honor to respectfully submit my design proposal for the Independence Arch.

This historic milestone presents a rare opportunity to create a monument that reflects the strength and enduring legacy of the United States. In response to President Donald J. Trump's vision for a bold 250-foot classical monument, I have developed a distinctive and thoughtfully designed concept intended to contribute meaningful architectural value and lasting national and global impact, and stand as a defining achievement of this historic anniversary. It is my sincere belief that this monument could become a source of pride for generations of Americans and a signature accomplishment of the President's term.

Having invested significant professional expertise and personal commitment into this proposal, I respectfully request that it be given consideration by the Commission and presented to President Trump and the relevant architectural review committee, as I am confident that even a brief review of the core concept will clearly demonstrate its impact and merit.

Below is a link to the design proposal PDF file for your review. I would be honored to present the design in greater detail at your convenience.

 [Design Proposal For The Independence Arch.pdf](#)

I recently submitted my proposal to the White House. However, could you please confirm whether there is a more official or effective channel for this submission? Please advise on the best way to proceed.

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to preserving the architectural integrity of our nation's capital.

Respectfully,
Shady Migally
CEO / Founder
ME Innovations

From: Margaret Kleinman
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2026 9:08 PM
To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>
Subject: [External] Opposition to Trump's proposed Memorial arch

This is just to note that there already is an arch in New York City and it does not seem necessary to to have one in Washington, D.C.

Here is info on it from a Google search:

The Washington Square Arch is located in [Washington Square Park](#) in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of Lower Manhattan, NYC. It acts as a prominent landmark at the southern end of Fifth Avenue. The 77-foot white marble structure was completed in 1895 to honor the centennial of George Washington's inauguration.

It was inspired by the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, commissioned by Napoleon and built between 1806 and 1836..



-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Laino

Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2026 12:16 AM

To: cfastaff@cfa.gov; NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: Suggestion to Enhance the Proposed Triumphal Arch with Statues of Warrior Presidents in the Interior Openings

Dear Commission of Fine Arts Staff / NCPC Team

I am writing as a private citizen to offer a constructive design suggestion for the proposed 250-foot Triumphal Arch at Memorial Circle near Arlington Memorial Bridge, which is currently under review.

The renderings released for the arch are impressive and will make a powerful patriotic gateway for America's 250th anniversary. To further elevate its impact and educational value, I propose incorporating larger-than-life statues of four historical "warrior presidents" into the four interior openings/niches of the arch. This would transform the passage into a moving "Hall of American Warriors," allowing visitors to walk among figures who personally risked their lives in defense of the nation—creating an awe-inspiring, immersive experience that complements the external elements like the winged Lady Liberty, golden eagles, and "One Nation Under God" inscription.

Recommended figures (chosen for their combat leadership across key eras, balance, and iconic status):

- George Washington (Revolutionary War) – Symbol of the nation's founding through resolute military leadership.
- Andrew Jackson (War of 1812) – Embodiment of frontier grit and decisive victory (e.g., Battle of New Orleans).
- Ulysses S. Grant (Civil War) – The general whose strategies preserved the Union.
- Theodore Roosevelt (Spanish-American War) – Medal of Honor recipient for heroic charge up San Juan Hill.

These statues could be executed in neoclassical bronze or stone, with simple inscriptions noting key battles or quotes. The addition would add meaningful historical depth and tourist appeal without significantly altering the overall footprint or cost (potentially funded privately).

I believe this refinement would make the arch not just grand, but truly enduring and inspirational for generations. I respectfully request that this concept be considered during the current review process, particularly ahead of or at the April 16, 2026 meeting.

Thank you for your time and for stewarding such important national projects. I would be happy to provide more details.

Best Regards,

Michael S. Laino
Orlando, FL

From: Gail Sherman

Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2026 7:52 PM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] Approvals

Please do not approve the Golden Arch or the Ballroom or any other Trump memorials. We have wasted enough time and money to flatter him. There are more pressing needs in America than these puff pieces.

Thank you

From: Neil Lacey
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2026 5:07 PM
To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>
Subject: [External] STOP the Trump Independence Arch

Let me start with –

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter”
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Believe it or not, email is cheaper than post cards/letters, however, I find that sending multiple post cards/letters is effective and reminds me of past days of standing up for issues as a citizen.

STOP the Trump Independence Arch
Preserve & Protect the National Mall
historic viewshed and aesthetics

A group of Vietnam War veterans and a retired architectural historian represented by the Public Citizen Litigation Group have filed a federal lawsuit seeking to block construction of a proposed monument near Arlington National Cemetery.
The lawsuit, filed Thursday on February 19th in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, challenges President Trump's plans for "Independence Arch," a 250-foot structure proposed for Memorial Circle.

Speak out against this and don't support this proposed behemoth vanity arch which negatively impacts the National Mall viewshed and overshadows the hallowed grounds of Arlington National Cemetery.

Do the right thing – support the Veterans who filed the lawsuit. Tell the President "No Trump Arch on the National Mall" - build it at Mara Lago.

Thank you,

Neil Lacey
Littleton, Colorado

From: NCPC System <info@ncpc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2026 5:26:14 PM
To: Acosta, Marcel
Subject: NCPC Website Email

From: Stephen Spencer

I am writing to you to express my concerns about the destruction of the Washington, DC skyline with this hideous Arch that the president is wasting our tax dollars on. If I'm reading the code correctly, it states a maximum height of 130'. This McDonald's golden arch is 250' high, 120' above the restricted height.

As an American citizens, I hope that the planning commission takes this matter seriously and is not bullied by the tyrant in the White House. It's bad enough that he was allowed to destroy a beautiful American Landmark known as The White House without submitting any plans.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns about preserving the District of Columbia and its great design for future generations to enjoy.

Steve Spencer

From: CHARLENE DIVOKY
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2026 5:38 PM
To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>
Subject: [External] Trump Proposed Triumphal Arch

LETTER 4 — National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC)

April 15, 2026

National Capital Planning Commission

401 9th Street NW, Suite 500

Washington, DC 20004

Email: info@ncpc.gov

Subject: Request for Planning Review of the Proposed Trump “Triumphal Arch”

To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,

I am writing to respectfully express my concerns and my opposition regarding the proposed “Triumphal Arch” project. I strongly oppose this project. As the federal planning authority for the National Capital Region, your review is essential to ensuring that major projects align with established planning principles and the long-term public interest.

My concerns include:

- The scale and symbolism of the proposed structure
- Potential impacts on the surrounding urban and historic environment
- The need for transparency regarding the project’s purpose, cost, and implications
- Ensuring that the public has meaningful opportunities to participate in the review process

I respectfully request that the Commission carefully evaluate whether this proposal is consistent with the planning framework and civic character of the nation’s capital.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and continued service.

Sincerely,

Charlene Divoky

Brownsville, VT 05037

From: Neil Lacey
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2026 11:45 AM
To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>
Subject: [External] STOP the Trump Independence Arch
Dear National Capital Planning Commission:

Let me start with –

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter”
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Thank you for serving on the National Capital Planning Commission. What a great honor to be a recognized professional to serve on this respected and recognized Commission. I am writing to you because I am not in favor of the proposed Trump Independence Arch on the National Mall.

I don't write many letters or get involved in politics much, but the above quote by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. speaks to me and inspires me to reach out and get involved.

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Preserve & Protect the National Mall
historic viewshed and aesthetics**

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President Trump is not following the process. Americans don't want the National Mall to look like the current East Wing of the White House – construction demolition starting before approval with no plan and the President daring anyone to stop him or stand in his way. No that's not how things are supposed to work. My hope is that you will use your professional knowledge and experience to ensure the process is followed in regards to review and consideration of the proposed Trump Independence Arch on the National Mall.

One of my favorite places to visit is the Lincoln Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, DC. The National Mall is inspiring with the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument and the reflection pond. The National Mall is a great place to visit because of the views, the layout, the history, and the viewshed. Your role on the Fine Arts Commission is serving as caretaker to preserve the heritage of the National Mall.

The Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission are two independent bodies with competent and knowledgeable professionals in service to the Nation to protect, preserve, and oversee the National Mall. Please keep the National Mall great and preserve its heritage along with preserving the viewshed and connection to national memorials adjacent to the National Mall. The Washington Monument stands tall and towers over Washington, DC – don't let

the proposed Trump Arch destroy 250 years of what our nation stands for and how previous members of the National Parks Service, Commission of Fine Arts, and the National Capital Planning Commission have worked so hard for.

Speak out against this and don't support this proposed behemoth vanity arch which negatively impacts the National Mall viewshed and overshadows the hallowed grounds of Arlington National Cemetery. The proposed location is in a busy, low-altitude flight approach path for DCA.

Do the right thing – support the Veterans who filed the lawsuit. Tell the President "No Trump Arch on the National Mall" - build it at Mara Lago.

Thank you,

Neil Lacey
Littleton, Colorado

cc: Public Citizen Litigation Group

From: White, Christina

Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2026 12:57 PM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] Public Comment: Oppose Triumphal Arch/Memorial Circle Project

To the National Capital Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed 250-foot "Triumphal Arch" (Independence Arch) planned for Memorial Circle near Arlington National Cemetery.

This project is inappropriate for this location. Arlington National Cemetery and the adjacent Memorial Circle are among our nation's most sacred and solemn spaces. Erecting a massive, gilded, 250-foot monument at this location disrupts the dignity of the ceremonial approach and compromises the historic view between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House.

I believe this garnish attempt at a monument to be a vanity project and a misuse of government funding. I cannot in good conscience support any building of this type by the current administration.

Furthermore, it is my understanding that this project has not received proper authorization from Congress. I urge the Commission to uphold its commitment to the historic integrity of Washington's federal landscape and reject this proposal.

Thank you,
Christina White

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Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2026 7:34 PM

To: Main Attendant Voice Mail <mainattendantvm@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] Shared Voicemail (Main Attendant)

hello i'm calling to let you know that or voice my opinion that i am totally against this ridiculous independence arch that trump wants to spend \$100 million on our taxpayer money for i have many veterans in my family and they are all disgusted by it also my name is teresa bonlow i will also send an email and i am one of millions of people that are opposed to this waste of money when it could be spent on so many other things such as helping people pay for their rising cost of healthcare food gas everything thank you

From: Kirk and Teresa Von Loh
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2026 7:44 PM
To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>
Subject: [External] Trump's Independence Arch

Hello, I'm writing as a concerned American to voice my strong opposition to the proposed "Independence Arch". Not only is the estimated \$100 million cost being paid for by taxpayer dollars, but millions of veterans say it will disrupt the solemn historic view between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington cemetery. \$100 million of OUR money would be much better spent on helping people pay for the rising cost of insurance, food, gas and housing. Please do the right thing and do not approve this vanity project by Trump! Thank you for your attention to this matter, Teresa Vonloh

From: rhon71

Sent: Friday, April 17, 2026 8:24 AM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] The President's Infrastructure Plans

This morning the Today show covered the various building plans of the President. First, I was appalled by his demolition of the East Wing without approval of several different agencies. Secondly, the Triumphal Arch is a monstrosity that disrespects the symbolic structure of other landmarks. Finally, the fact that he wants to paint the granite on the Eisenhower Office building white instead of cleaning it makes no sense.

All of these proposed infrastructure changes are unnecessary. The cost to taxpayers, when the monies could be directed in a more humanitarian direction, is outrageous!!

I hope the Capital Planning Commission prevails in preventing all of these superfluous plans.

Rhonda Hockenberry

Sent: Friday, April 17, 2026 9:46 AM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: Website comment from Rebecca S.Maust

I want to send my disdain for Trump's
arch.

Please do not approve plans for this
arch.

From: Carole Mccann
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2026 11:48 AM
To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>
Subject: [External] NO ARCH/BALLROOM

STOP THIS NARCISSISTIC MADMAN!

NO BALLROOM NO ARCH

HE IS A TEMPORARY RESIDENT, STOP HIS MADNESS!!!

Name: Gwen Geiger

Date: April 17, 2026 11:59:13 am

I object strenuously to the proposed arch in Washington, DC. The proposal is clearly an attempt by one person to glorify himself. As if that, in itself, weren't enough to cancel the project, the blocking of the view to Arlington Cemetery is offensive. The grandiose ornamentation is not in keeping with the classic design of the Washington Monument, the Capitol, and the White House. Finally, this project is a waste of money that would be better spent housing the homeless, feeding the poor, or even maintaining our national parks.

From: Anthony Weersing
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2026 12:26 PM
To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>
Subject: [External] Opposition to the proposed Memorial Arch

Hello,

I would like to submit my disapproval to the triumphal arch being proposed for Columbia Island. The US is experiencing a debt crisis and the funds would be much better spent in improving functional infrastructure projects in the DC Area or funding disaster resilience against sea level rise, interior flooding, and hurricanes.

The proposed arch would be an unsuitable use of public funds (and if private funding is sought, it should not be for vanity projects but for things that will make a tangible difference in the lives of residents).

Thank you for your time in registering this feedback.

Anthony Weersing

Name: George Beckwith

Date: April 17, 2026 1:35:25 pm

Subject: Comment on proposed Washington Mall Triumphal Arch monument – urban design concerns

I am a licensed architect submitting comments on the proposed monument.

The project is not well aligned with the L'Enfant Plan's principles of axial order, landscape-integrated monumentality, and protected civic sightlines. As proposed, the freestanding arch introduces a dominant object that disrupts established spatial hierarchies within the federal core.

Its scale and typology are inconsistent with Washington's precedent of distributed, compositionally integrated memorial design, and risk setting a precedent for isolated monumental forms in protected federal landscapes.

I recommend reconsideration of its siting, scale, and fundamental design approach to ensure compatibility with the city's historic planning framework.

From: Graham Williams
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2026 2:58 PM
To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>
Subject: [External] Proposed Washington,D.C., arch

To whom it may concern:

I am opposed to the proposed arch planned for Capital Island in Washington, D.C.
This would be a complete waste of taxpayer money, which could be better spent on health care or feeding hungry children.
The arch would also be detrimental to the view across the Potomac River to Arlington National Cemetery, where both of my parents are buried.
Please do not approve this proposal.

Graham Williams
Union, SC

From: George Beckwith

Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2026 10:08 PM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>; info@cfa.gov

Subject: [External] Triumphal Arch

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed construction of a triumphal arch in Washington, D.C.

As an architect specializing in historic preservation I find the proposal fundamentally misaligned with the planning principles that have long governed the capital. The monumental core of Washington is defined by clarity, balance, and a disciplined relationship between built form and open space. This proposal introduces an object that is not only symbolically incongruous, but markedly out of scale with its surroundings.

The arch's size and visual dominance would disrupt the carefully calibrated proportions of the existing plan, competing with established landmarks rather than reinforcing their presence. Washington's civic landscape derives its power from restraint and spatial coherence; inserting an oversized, triumphalist form undermines both.

From a planning perspective, this raises serious concerns about precedent and cumulative impact. Introducing a structure of this scale and character risks eroding the integrity of the capital's framework and opens the door to further interventions that privilege spectacle over continuity and public meaning.

There are also unresolved questions regarding cost, necessity, and the absence of clear, broad-based civic support for such a project.

Washington, D.C. does not benefit from the addition of an oversized symbolic gesture of this kind. It requires thoughtful stewardship of its existing assets and guiding principles.

I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to reject this proposal.

Sincerely,

George Beckwith Architect

From: Tor Hansen

Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2026 10:18 PM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] design for new Arch De Triumph in Washington D.C.

Dear Sirs, In terms of overall size and scale of the proposed new Arch De Triumph near Arlington N. Cemetery and not far from the Lincoln Memorial, I sense the present proposed scale is far too large and should be scaled down to no greater than the genuine original Arch in Paris France. Even the scale of the Arch at Washington Square in Greenwich Village in New York is large enough. But the proposed new arch is way too demonstrative and dwarfs the Lincoln Memorial, likewise the Jefferson Memorial. Too much glory smacks of false respect for the architecture of the memorials around the mall and the monument itself. I like the 4 lions as guardians, just smaller in scale...in keeping with respect for the King of Beasts, given the exciting news coming out of Africa, regarding their bonding with park rangers, and battling with poachers. Thank God for the many key drones now rounding up the poachers. A word must circulate that Africa must pass & enforce laws protecting the diminishing Hornbill birds and Pangolins as well. I envision a freeze or bas-relief containing endangered species getting full protection for preservation of biological diversity, including cheetahs, pangolins, hornbill birds, rhinos, elephants and more fitting into a side panel, a niche showing how much we care about protecting endangered animals and habitats. I myself hold a Master of Fine Arts from City Univ. New York 1974, and studied marble carving in Carrara Italy 1970. I am looking for a permanent home for this my own marble carved in Italy, suggesting The National Gallery of Art, Washington D.C. Other optional





homes: Lincoln Center N.Y, or Columbia Univ. New York. Tor Hansen M.F.A.

From: Thomas Potter
Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2026 9:43 AM
To: cfastaff@cfa.gov
Subject: [External] McDonald's Arch

Donald says the arch will commemorate America's 250th birthday, but let's be honest: It will commemorate himself.

So let's incorporate a large outdoor digital billboard within the arch playing the attached video in a loop!

Sincerely,
Thomas Potter
Village of Grafton Ohio



<https://newrepublic.com/post/209211/trump-triumphal-arch-tackiest-monument-yet>

Trump's Sycophants Just Approved the Tackiest Monument to Him Yet

The Arc de Trump isn't about America. It's about one man. It must die.

From: Susan Liebes
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2026 7:52 AM
To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>
Subject: [External] Trump's vanity arch

I am strongly opposed to Tump's plan to build a 250 foot arch in honor of himself. The proposed arch does not fit with the overall architectural plan for the Capitol area, would detract from the somber and beautiful entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, and is a waste of taxpayer money at a time when arts program across the Country are woefully underfunded.

Please do not approve any further progress on this vanity project.

Thank you,

Susan Liebes

From: Becky May

Sent: Monday, April 20, 2026 5:44 PM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] Triumphal Arch

I want to voice my opinion about the proposed arch. It is disproportionately too big and will ruin the effect of the other monuments. Besides that, we do not need to spend our tax dollars on this, when cutting safety net programs for the disadvantaged. Please DO NOT move forward with this waste of money.

Rebecca May

From: Patricia DeStefano
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 11:38 AM
To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>
Subject: [External] Building comments

This is a general comment that I am hoping gets to The right person for these activities (is it William Scharf as I know he was for the planning commission) so If you can forward to him That would be great. Thank you very much

I hope this gets to the right person as I am just submitting my comments on all the activities of the Administration.

Ballroom: After all the negative comments I cannot believe that this project was pushed through. Bad enough that part of the white house was just demolished when the occupant is just for a short term and not his house but to build a ballroom. Really! the only ones going into it will be the rich to benefit the rich and who is going to pay for upkeep year after year and who pays for the food for these parties and people to serve, cook, clean, decorate etc. Us Taxpayer's?? That is unbelievable when we have so much debt now. This was not needed.

The Arch: This is going up to be the biggest etc., just for an ego. Even if it is nice looking why is this needed at this time during money going out for a war, our deficit, people cant afford food or health insurance. One of my insurances for my car went up \$100 from last year and I am on social security which does not even keep up with inflation. This should be a definite No. Or at least I am hoping it is.

Kennedy Center: Really, wasn't this given some improvement a few years ago? Why does it need a big overall. Again for the reasons above it should not be approved. It is just being overhauled to appease someone. Which is disgraceful.

The big birthday bash: I know you probably are not a part of this but just think about how much Taxpayer's funds are going to be used to for this for a wrestling match, stadium, and all the banquets etc. At this time this is again disgraceful. The majority of the people who are for all of this are either the rich or people who are not realizing all the money going out the window for all of these things and trips, golfing etc., and that they are voting against their own interests. In our state alone I know someone who could not get much help for someone they know who has mental health issues and we just had a lady in Omaha who was let out after trying to hurt her dad but was let out because she was found was not right in the head to be prosecuted. So last week she tried to kidnap a child and when police got there she was killed but still ended up slashing the 3 year old child in the face with a very large knife. Along with all the other things our states need for help we need a lot more than money going for parties, ballrooms, traveling to events, an arch and whatever else is on the administration's minds. Just an FYI I would be writing this no matter who was in the administration.

thank you for listening

Sent: Friday, May 1, 2026 11:44 AM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] Public Comment Opposing White House Ballroom, Arch, and Naming Proposals

To the Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,

I am writing to submit a public comment opposing the following proposals currently associated with the White House complex:

1. Construction of a new White House ballroom
2. Installation of a large ceremonial arch
3. Adding President Trump's name to federal buildings and monuments

These proposals raise significant concerns regarding planning priorities, public interest, and the preservation of national civic spaces.

The proposed ballroom appears unnecessary, costly, and inconsistent with the historic and functional character of the White House.

The proposed arch has no demonstrated public support and would introduce a large, permanent structure without clear purpose or benefit to the public.

The proposal to add President Trump's name to federal buildings and monuments is inappropriate and inconsistent with long-standing norms. Federal sites should not be used for political branding or personal promotion.

These changes do not reflect the will of the public and risk setting troubling precedents for future administrations.

I respectfully urge the Commission to reject these proposals.

Thank you for including my comment in the public record.

Sincerely, **Phyllis** Sieg Georgetown, Indiana

From: Gus Miltenberger

Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2026 11:53 AM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] Oppose the 250-foot Independence Arch at Memorial Circle

I am writing to oppose the proposed 250-foot Independence Arch at Memorial Circle.

This project should not move forward without explicit congressional authorization, full independent review, and meaningful public input. Memorial Circle, Arlington Memorial Bridge, Arlington National Cemetery, and the Lincoln Memorial form a solemn civic landscape that should not be overwhelmed by a massive triumphal monument.

I object to the proposed scale, placement, and visual impact of this project. A 250-foot arch with gold statuary and monumental inscriptions would disrupt the historic setting and sightline between Arlington National Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial. This area deserves restraint, not spectacle.

Please oppose any authorization, funding, permitting, or fast-tracking of this project.
Sincerely, Gustave Miltenberger

From: kevin wheeler
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2026 7:51 AM
To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>
Subject: [External] Stop the Arch

Please do not allow the arch to go forward.

The scale is wrong. It is too large. It is hideous.

It is aesthetically unbalanced for the site - ruining the views crossing the bridge in both directions. It is obvious it ruins the views walking or driving toward the Lincoln or toward Arlington Cemetery. And as you enter coming from the airport.

The style is aesthetically unbalanced architecturally because it does not follow the understated elegance of DC's existing architecture as pointed out in the unanimous 999 letters and comments opposing the arch to the commission bond fine arts. The gold statuary at the top of the arch is tacky and ugly at best, an embarrassment, and not compatible with the quiet elegance of the Lincoln or Arlington Cemetery's architecture. The design does not work.

The open space between the Lincoln and Arlington Cemetery is currently perfect. If the administration is concerned about an empty space as the interior secretary noted during his comments to fine arts, they could create a beautiful plant garden in that space (do not hard scape).

The administration does not have congressional approval, and the process so far has been rushed, shady, and illegal. The funding alone is a conflict of interest.

please stop the arch. it will ruin a beautiful setting in this beautiful American city.

thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: Barbara Colman

Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2026 8:47 PM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] Comment on Trump Arch

I'm commenting on the proposed arch. I was in high school in Northern Virginia. I spent much time around DC between dating and shopping. Then I attended architecture school altho' I ended up being in construction. I have been lucky enough to stand at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris standing at 164'.

I'm not opposed to a 250 year monument even an arch but I know enough about space and design that a 250' high monumental arch in that location is wrong. That land and the site lines between the Lincoln Memorial across the bridge going up to the Lee Mansion is perfect the way it is. 250' high that close to the airport is a disaster waiting to happen. And the gold accessories on the arch is not representative of the United States.

So, not there, not so high and not embellished in gold. There's a more appropriate way to go about it than what is proposed.

Barbara Colman

Piedmont, SC 29673

-----Original Message-----

From: Joe Zingarelli

Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2026 3:23 PM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] No Trump Arch

Sirs,

I can't express myself more succinctly than I have done in the title of this email.

Emphatically I say to you: NO TRUMP ARCH!

Trump is a poor example of an American, let alone a President. And the fewer permanent scars on the Country that remain after he's gone the better.

Thank you for your consideration,
Joseph Zingarelli, Jr.

From: Steve Gallagher
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2026 10:04 PM
To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: (t)rump's f-ing arch

Howdy folks:

It would sure be nice if you folks were instrumental in denying him the privilege of desecrating further our capitol.

I'm just another citizen (one of millions) who wants every trace of him bulldozed on the day he leaves office or dies of natural causes, whichever comes first.

Do something that will have your actions go down in history.

Deny him this!

Please!

Steve Gallagher
North Liberty, IA

From: Kevin King

Sent: Friday, May 22, 2026 10:10 AM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] A Triumphant Form on a Reconciliation Axis: Comment on the Proposed Memorial Circle Arch

Dear National Capitol Planning Commission:

I write as an architect and planner, and as a Washington DC resident, regarding the proposed 250-foot triumphal arch at Memorial Circle.

The National Capital Planning Commission exists to ensure that development in the National Capital Region is consistent with the long-range planning frameworks, viewshed protections, and civic relationships that give Washington its meaning.

This proposal tests that mandate directly — not primarily because of its scale or its impact on views, though both are serious, but because the chosen typology is fundamentally incompatible with the site's established civic meaning. That is a planning failure, and it falls squarely within this Commission's authority to address.

Symbolic incoherence with the federal planning context. The triumphal arch is a specific form with a specific meaning: it commemorates military victory and the dominance of a conquering power. The axis on which this structure is proposed was designed to express the opposite — reconciliation between North and South through shared grief, not triumph. That relationship, between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery, was not accidental. It was one of Washington's most deliberate acts of civic design, sustained and protected for over a century. Placing a triumphal form directly on that axis does not add meaning to the site. It contradicts and displaces the meaning already there. NCPC's mandate includes ensuring that new development in the Monumental Core is consistent with the long-range planning frameworks that govern it. A structure whose core symbolism conflicts with the documented civic intent of its site fails that standard at the most fundamental level.

Destruction of a protected viewshed. The sightline between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery is among Washington's most intentionally constructed civic relationships. This Commission has a direct planning responsibility for the integrity of the Monumental Core's viewsheds. The proposed structure, at this location and height, would permanently sever that relationship — eliminating not just a view, but the spatial expression of the reconciliation narrative the axis was built to sustain. The Commission should evaluate whether any approval would be consistent with its own Monumental Core Framework and the federal interest in preserving this corridor.

Scale and site incompatibility. The 250-foot height was not derived from site analysis, programmatic requirements, or compositional logic. It reflects the anniversary year. That is not a planning rationale. The structure would stand more than twice the height of the Lincoln Memorial and would visually overwhelm the carefully calibrated scale relationships of the Monumental

Core. Even Catesby Leigh, the architecture critic who originally championed a monumental arch at this location, has called the 250-foot version “way too big for that site.”

Procedural concerns. As a commemorative work in the nation’s capital, this project may require congressional authorization under the Commemorative Works Act. NCPC is well-positioned to ensure that the full statutory review process is observed before any approval advances. Preliminary site surveys and testing should not substitute for that process.

This Commission was established precisely for moments like this — when a proposal with political momentum requires independent planning judgment. The frameworks, protections, and civic relationships that define Washington’s monumental landscape exist because earlier generations understood that the capital’s meaning must be held in trust, insulated from the pressures of any particular moment.

Approving a structure that contradicts the documented intent of its site would set a precedent that weakens those protections for every proposal that follows. The Commission has both the authority and the obligation to require that any structure permanently altering the Monumental Core be proportionate to its site, consistent with long-range federal planning frameworks, and symbolically coherent with the civic relationships it will permanently affect. The current proposal fails on all three counts.

I urge the Commission to withhold approval and require the design team to produce alternatives that are site-responsive, symbolically coherent with the axis they would occupy, and original in conception — not a scaled imitation of a European monument imposed on one of Washington’s most historically significant landscapes.

Respectfully,
Kevin King, AIA
Washington, DC 20008

-----Original Message-----

From: Barbara Lasater

Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2026 7:25 AM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] The "Triumphal" Arch

To Whom This May Concern:

Please, do not approve this arch. In the rendering I saw in our local newspaper it appears, when looking from the Lincoln Memorial, to block the view of the Arlington National Cemetery. I am all for memorials that honor those who have served their country, especially those who gave their lives. My father is buried in Chicamauga National Cemetery in Chattanooga, Tennessee. There are no flashy monuments, just a serene well-tended space. I suspect my father, given the current economy, might feel his family, his survivors, will be better served by managing inflation and gasoline prices than spending millions on another gilded monument. All the "Arc de Trump" monuments will not erase the legacy of President Trump - endless wars, aggressive stances with allies, catering to and praising dictators, inflation, inhumane treatment of (not always) illegal immigrants; and then there's his personal life - fraudulent business dealings, sexual assault of women, crude and rude taunts on social media, and his Epstein connection. No, I am not a fan of President Trump. I don't know how I might feel if Presidents Obama or Bush had planned such an Arch - but then they wouldn't, would they? Even in Tennessee, which is 60+% "red", our President has only a 49% (according to the Sunday News Sentinel edition) rating. Please carefully consider your decision.

Thank you and Sincerest Regards,

Barbara Lasater

Knoxville, Tennessee 37922

From: NCPC System <info@ncpc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2026 12:17:57 PM
To: Acosta, Marcel
Subject: NCPC Website Email

From: Margaret DiPaolo

This " Arc de Trump" is a disgrace and an embarrassment. It is overwhelming opposed by the citizens of THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!! STOP ..JUST STOP THIS WASTE OF OUR MONEY!!!!

Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2026 3:09 PM

To: Main Attendant Voice Mail <mainattendantvm@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] Shared Voicemail (Main Attendant)

hi my name is wendy peel i live in brooklyn NY i am calling umm to beg you to urge you to vote no for this arch please do not fund this arch this arch is going to obscure the lincoln memorial it is going to frame the mansion built by slaves for confederate general robert E lee it does not is not going to frame the nation's honor dead at arlington but instead it's going to focus on lee's home who led the armies of the confederacy that killed them we do not need this it is gigantic we are not france we do not need an arch of triumph and this is horrific just horrific i am not alone you know that preservationist and historians are all against this we we do not want this regardless of who's paying for it whether it's tax dollars which hell no or or whatever he says whatever he's lying about we do not want this i am begging you it's federal land we he cannot just do this i mean he destroyed the east wing destroyed it without anything didn't provide plans doesn't no one knows anything other than him or whatever and his architects for there's a ballroom that's going to be massive and dwarf the white house so please please do not let him get away with this we the people do not want this arch thank you very much

From: Susan Harlow
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2026 7:59 AM
To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>
Subject: [External] monumental arch

Here is my comment:

The proposed arch would have to be called the National Humiliation Arch. It is inappropriate, ugly and obscures beautiful and historic treasures of our capital.

Get up off your knees and say no.

Susan Harlow

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Susan Harlow
Westminster Station, VT 05159

Sent: Monday, May 25, 2026 8:06 AM

To: Main Attendant Voice Mail <mainattendantvm@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] Shared Voicemail (Main Attendant)

yes this is jane martin i want to leave my comment on the monumental arts that's your file number 8778 do not build this monstrosity it's too tall it's out of proportion it's ugly as hell it doesn't belong there and any american would have to turn their eyes out of shame from looking at it and so should you

From: JANICE HENDERSIN

Sent: Monday, May 25, 2026 3:49 PM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] Trump's Proposed Tribute - The Washington Arch!

I oppose taxpayer funding for President Trump's proposed Washington arch. Please demand full public disclosure of the projected cost, funding sources, donor identities, procurement process, legal authority, and whether congressional approval is required before any taxpayer money is spent. Public funds should not be used for personal legacy projects.

I strongly object to any taxpayer money being used for President Trump's proposed arch or any other personal legacy project. At a time when Americans are struggling with high living costs, health care expenses, insurance increases, housing costs, and strained public services, it is insulting and irresponsible to spend public funds on a decorative monument associated with one political figure. Before this project moves forward, the public deserves full disclosure of the total projected cost, funding sources, donor identities, contracts, procurement process, legal authority, and whether congressional approval is required. Taxpayer money should be used to serve the public — not to glorify a sitting president.

American Citizen

Jan Hendersin

-----Original Message-----

From: Joy Kraft

Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2026 3:27 PM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] The dreaded Arch

The Arch being proposed for Columbia Island is ridiculous. The size is way overboard....250 feet. That dwarfs the Lincoln Memorial.

Now is not the time to do this despite our nation's 250th birthday. The economy is a mess. We have wars going on (undeclared) and a President who steps on every nation's toes. Nothing to be proud of when you consider the number of immigrants being rounded up and shipped off without any defense.

So many Americans are against this. And the cost is prohibitive.

Now is NOT the time.

Just one citizen's view.

Joy W. Kraft

-----Original Message-----

From: Norman Fuss

Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 6:34 AM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] Arch

Please do not destroy the beautiful vista and it's historical significance.

Thank you

Barbara Fuss

-----Original Message-----

From: KZ

Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 9:06 AM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] Concerns of proposed monumental arch

I oppose this, and agree with the opinions of The National Trust. The Monumental Arch at Memorial Circle on the George Washington Memorial Parkway, near Arlington National Cemetery and along the Potomac River.

The location of the proposed Arch will interrupt the highly significant relationship between the Lincoln Memorial, across Arlington Memorial Bridge, to Arlington National Cemetery and Arlington House.

One of the most symbolic landscapes in Washington, D.C., the vista was designed to represent the post-Civil War reconciliation of the north and south of the United States.

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.

Thank you,
Kathryn K Zimmerman
Gainesville, FL 32601

From: Rachel Shaw

Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 9:11 AM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External] Arch

I absolutely do NOT support the construction of an arch at the location near Arlington National Cemetery. It will interrupt the flow and view from the Lincoln Memorial and will not add any enhancement to the District. I do not support ANY taxpayer funds going to this ill-conceived project.

-----Original Message-----

From: NCPC System <info@ncpc.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 9:57 AM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: NCPC Website Email

From: Kitty Allen

I grew up in Northwest DC, so proud of our beautiful monuments to the outstanding president of our country. None of these monuments were erected during their lifetime. The present leader does not compare in any way to these men. Please stop the further defacing of our beautiful city.

From: Susan Davis

Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 2:03 PM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: [External]

This is outrageous. I grew up in this area. I've always been proud of DC and all its monuments. Trump should not be permitted to change the WH (since it isn't his), change the reflecting pool or add golden statues of himself, or erect the arch leading to Arlington Cemetery...a cemetery where my father is buried in the area known as "Pershing's Own," because he's a WWII veteran and lifelong member of the Army. Trump deserves nothing in that area especially since he got his dad to hire a doctor to write a letter on Donald's behalf saying he couldn't be drafted due to bone spurs-which have never been validated. He calls buried soldiers "losers" and "suckers." No golden ballroom either.

Note that trump dumped dirt to build golf course in DC.

The Trump administration transported and dumped approximately 30,000 to 37,000 cubic yards of excavated dirt and debris from the White House East Wing ballroom renovation project onto the public East Potomac Golf Links in Washington, D.C.

The massive dirt mound, sometimes dubbed "Mount Trump" by locals, is part of a broader controversial plan to renovate and elevate the historic municipal course into a high-end venue for professional golf.

Here are the key details regarding the situation:

- **The Contamination:** Soil samples commissioned by the National Park Service from the dumped dirt tested positive for toxic elements—including lead, arsenic, and chromium—at levels that could pose risks to public health and the surrounding environment. So you want people to be poisoned by the east wing contaminants?

Americans don't want to pay for ANY OF THE ABOVE. He can hold balls at Mar-a-Lago. He has many atomic bomb protected shelters available to him - one right under the WH..unless it has been dug up. The place chosen for the correspondents dinner is chosen by them...not the POTUS. When Lindsay Graham says "Isn't it about time this event and our President has a safe place to hold gatherings?" he is lying. TRUMP already has many places he can hold parties and events. BUT, Americans DON'T WANT TO PAY FOR ANY OF IT. Hopefully, it will all be torn down and hauled to a dumpsite when he leaves.

From: NCPC System <info@ncpc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 2:25 PM
To: Herr, Jamie
Subject: NCPC Website Email

From: Daniel Lozier Jr

This arch would be an eyesore and a total misuse of funds.

Is the NCPC so beholden to their master that they would let this happen?

This is just my opinion as a lifelong resident of the District

Danny

-----Original Message-----

From: NCPC System <info@ncpc.gov>

Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2026 11:43 AM

To: Herr, Jamie

Subject: NCPC Website Email

From: Cynthia Blakely Boatwright

I am appalled at the ways in which the DC landscape is already being changed without public approval. I do not support a vanity project arch which is too big, too gaudy, too costly and completely unnecessary. Please do not approve this project. Leave the arch in France where it means something.

From: Karin Deutschler
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2026 5:34 PM
To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>
Subject: [External] Planned Arc de Tr(io)ump(he)
Importance: High

Not sure if this is the right place to voice this opinion, but I'm honestly stunned by the proposal to build a copy of the Arc de Triomphe — a monument I was fortunate enough to visit earlier this month.

The Arc de Triomphe honors sacrifice. It bears the names of hundreds of fallen military men and houses the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It stands as a memorial to those who served and died - not as a tribute to a sitting political figure.

If there were discussion of building a meaningful memorial honoring the dead and missing from Vietnam, Korea, and other wars fought by Americans, I could understand that - assuming our fiscal reality actually supported such spending. It does not.

At a time when millions of Americans are struggling just to get by, asking taxpayers to fund an extravagant vanity project of this nature feels tone-deaf, wasteful, and entirely unjustifiable.

Disgusted.

Karin Deutschler

From: NCPC System <info@ncpc.gov>

Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2026 7:12 PM

To: Herr, Jamie

Subject: NCPC Website Email

From: Philip Luoma

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Monumental Arch project. As a Veteran of the U.S. Army, I find it deeply inappropriate to dedicate a monument to a living President when countless service members, historical figures, and defining events are far more deserving of that honor. This project is misguided, unnecessary, and an insult to those whose sacrifices and legacies have truly earned public remembrance.

-----Original Message-----

From: NCPC System <info@ncpc.gov>

Sent: Friday, May 29, 2026 7:48 AM

To: NCPC General Information <info@ncpc.gov>

Subject: NCPC Website Email

From: Virginia Lincoln

First he destroyed the White House and not just by tearing down the East Wing but by gilding everything. Then he ruined the reflecting pool. Now he wants an arch because he is jealous of Paris. This idea is ridiculous, tacky and absurd. This has nothing to do with the United States but with his own narcissism and aggrandizement. People cannot afford groceries so let's build an arch. He is throwing individuals with support animals out of housing, but let's build an arch. Let's sell public land so we can build an arch. This is not Russia. This is not Nazi Germany. NO ARCH!!!! Feed the people! Provide health care. Make housing affordable. Stop the idiotic war. End his need to build things he can put his name on. NO ARCH!! N

February 22, 2026

To Whom it may Concern:

I write express my objections to the proposed oversized arch the president wants to build in Memorial Circle. At 250 feet it would not only dwarf its surroundings but would create a visual barrier as one approaches Arlington National Cemetery causing public safety, air traffic, and aesthetic problems. The somber and contemplative sense of place that exists now would be destroyed by an overbearing structure that is disrespectful to American patriots resting in peace.

The established process for determining which monuments we build, where we build them, and approval of the final design is being wrongly bypassed. Many people from all walks of life should be included in determining what we display on our public lands. This is how we write our history. One person alone should not make this decision.

To pay tribute to our country's 250 history, we must acknowledge the many people who contributed not just to the creation of our country, but to those who worked, fought, and in many cases, gave their lives to defend and uphold our democracy. This 250-foot arch is a vanity project that is not reflective of who we are as Americans and what America stands for.

I strongly urge you to stop this project. It does not reflect how we Americans show respect to those that have served and given their lives in defending democracy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martha Toll', written in a cursive style.

Martha Toll
DC Resident

Feb. 23, 2026

The National Capital Planning Commission

401 19th Street NW, 5000N

Washington DC 20004

To Whom It May Concern:

I object to the construction of a 250 ft. arch at Memorial Circle. The established process for determining which monuments we build, where we build them and approval of the final design has been bypassed. It is a vainglorious project of one person and is not how our history is written.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Rosenthal', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Suzanne Rosenthal

Washington DC

February 23, 2026

To The National Capital Planning Commission:

The project of a triumphal arch of Donald Trump is planned at the wrong place, corrupted and un-democratic:

1. A 250 ft high and 165ft ft base addition to the small piece of land of the Memorial Circle on the bank of the Potomac river will disfigure the serenity of the graceful Memorial Bridge and the beautiful panoramic alignment between the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery while dwarfing all surroundings
2. The Arc is intended to be funded through private donations, mostly from surplus of the "Modernization of the White House ballroom". Was the 2025 Big Beautiful Bill to enrich billionaires done so that these beneficiaries could turn around and finance these lavish expenses of \$300 million now set for \$400 million for the ballroom and another \$100 million for the Arc which, as we all know it, can only grow during the lifetime of the construction itself? We suffered tremendously with the DOGE cuts to save Federal dollars but in reality the savings are few and rare ... It sounds too much like the wealthiest of the nation are returning the President's personal favor to have cut their taxes ...
3. If Napoleon Bonaparte commissioned the Arc de Triomphe in 1806 to glorify his Grande Armée following their victory at the Battle of Austerlitz, promising soldiers they would return home "under triumphal arches" inspired by Roman tradition, and if The Washington Square Arch in Greenwich Village in NYC celebrated the 1789 inauguration of George Washington as the first U.S. president, the imperialistic symbolism of this Arch cannot be a personal tribute for Donald Trump.

For these reasons, I urge you to disapprove this project.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michele Herout-Lemmon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michele Herout-Lemmon



To: The National Capital Planning Commission

From: Debbie Jones-Steele



Washington, DC 20009

I am writing to express my opposition to the plan to build an arch in Memorial Circle.

1. At 250 feet it would not only dwarf its surroundings, but would create a visual barrier as one approaches Arlington National Cemetery. The somber and contemplative sense of place that exists now would be destroyed by an overbearing structure that stands in stark contrast to the dignity of those souls resting in peace.
2. The established oversight process for projects of this nature has been ignored. The monuments we build, where we build them, and approval of the final design historically involves many people, reflecting the spirit of the melting pot America is. We write our history by how we use our public lands. That should be a collaborative effort, not one person's whim.
3. Placing the arch in Memorial Circle will make it difficult for the public to reach it. The traffic patterns are such that visitors would be taking their lives in their hands to actually get close to it. It's nearly impossible now to walk to Memorial Circle and there is no structure blocking the visibility which would make access more precarious. Are you intending to conduct a rigorous traffic study to determine the impact and feasibility of this plan? The safety of visitors or people driving through the area requires you to do so.
4. How will an arch in Memorial Circle impact flight patterns and air safety? Its presence would complicate what is already a challenging approach to Reagan National Airport. We don't need a 250 foot structure to add to the difficulty.
5. If we are going to pay tribute to our country's 250 year history, we should acknowledge the many people that have contributed to not just the creation of our country but those that worked, fought, and in many cases, gave their lives to defend and uphold our Democracy. A 250 foot arch is not an appropriate tribute to our history. It is a vanity project that is not reflective of who we are as Americans and what America has stood for, for most of our 250 years

Please reject this misguided plan.

Debbie Jones-Steele

Carol Galaty

Washington, DC 20008

February 22, 2026

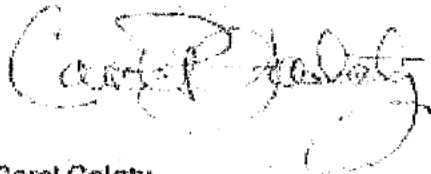
Members of the National Capital Planning Commission,

I am writing to let you know that I object strongly to the proposed oversized arch the president wants to build in Memorial Circle.

Not only will this gigantic, oversized 250 ft imitation of the Arc de Triomphe, dwarf its surroundings, and create an unvisitable monument, and serious traffic congestion and hazards, but it would also destroy the symbolic, iconic visual between the Lincoln Memorial, the Blair Lee Mansion and Arlington National Cemetery's soldier's graves.

This iconic view represents a significant message of defending the Nation and its people that the United States has for decades, communicated to both American and international individuals visiting DC as well as those around the world seeing it in photos. Creating, as President Trump himself has said, the largest memorial of its kind in the world (and one with his name on it), does not reflect the manner in which we Americans show want to communicate Lincoln's simple message of defending freedom and people rights by linking it clearly and with respect to those that have defended Democracy.

I strongly urge you to stop this project. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Carol Galaty", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Carol Galaty

The National Capital Planning Commission

To Whom It May Concern:

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I strongly urge you to stop this project. It does not reflect the manner in which we Americans show respect to those that have served and in some cases lost their lives in defending Democracy. Thank you.

My objection to the 250 ft. arch starts with the fact that the established process for determining which monuments we build, where we build them, and approval of the final design is being bypassed. Many people from all walks of life should be included in determining what we display on our public lands. This is how we write our history. Now is not the time to have one person do it for us.

I am concerned about how an arch in Memorial Circle will impact flight patterns and safety. Its presence could complicate what is already a challenging approach to Reagan National Airport. We don't need to add a 250 foot structure to add to the challenge. Whose interest does this project serve? Certainly not the public.

If we are going to pay tribute to our country's 250 history, it should be an acknowledgement of the many people that contributed to not just the creation of our country but those many people that worked, fought and in many cases, gave their lives to defend and uphold our Democracy. A 250 foot arch is not an appropriate tribute to history. It is a vanity project that is not reflective of who we are as Americans and what America has stood for, for most of our 250 year history. Please reject this misguided plan.

Name: Anissa Hanson

Signature: Anissa A. Hanson

Date: 2/23/2026

City/State: Falls Church, VA

The National Capital Planning Commission

To Whom It May Concern:

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Name: *NANCY BROUGH*
Signature: *Nancy R Brough*
Date: *2/22/26*
City/State: *McLEAN VA.*

The National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street NW, #500N
Washington, DC 20004

We are writing to express our objections to the proposed oversized arch the president wants to build in Memorial Circle. At 250 feet it would not only dwarf its surroundings, but would create a visual barrier as one approaches Arlington National Cemetery. The somber and contemplative sense of place that exists now would be destroyed by an overbearing structure that is disrespectful to those souls resting in peace. This project does not reflect the manner in which we Americans show respect to those that have served and in some cases lost their lives in defending Democracy.

Moreover, placing a 250 foot arch in Memorial Circle means that the public will have limited access to it. The traffic pattern is such that visitors will be taking their lives in their hands to actually get close to it. It's near impossible now to walk to Memorial Circle and there is no structure blocking the visibility. Are you intending to conduct a rigorous traffic study to determine the impact and feasibility of this plan? The safety of visitors or people driving through the area requires you to do so. Public safety should be a primary concern.

Thank you,



Jane and Ken Lieberthal
Washington, DC

February 23, 2026

February 22, 2026

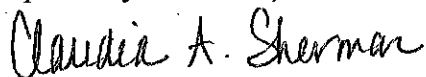
The National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street, NW, #500N
Washington, DC 20004

To the National Capital Planning Commission:

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed grossly oversized arch the President proposes to build in Memorial Circle. At 250 feet, it would not only dwarf its surroundings, including our beloved, iconic Lincoln Memorial, but would create a visual barrier as one approaches Arlington National Cemetery. The somber and contemplative sense of place that exists now would be destroyed by an overbearing structure that is disrespectful to those souls resting in peace. Memorial Bridge was designed to connect Washington DC to those who died in service of the country. The sightline between Arlington House and the Lincoln Memorial should not be desecrated.

I strongly urge you to stop this project. It does not reflect the manner in which we Americans show respect to those that have served and lost their lives in defending Democracy and is profoundly undemocratic. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claudia A. Sherman". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with the first name "Claudia" being the most prominent part.

Claudia A. Sherman
Washington, DC

February 22, 2026

The National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street NW, #500N
Washington, DC 20004

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to strongly protest the construction of the proposed European style, oversized and non-American Arch that one man who happens to be president wants to build in the Memorial Circle. It would not only detract from the Lincoln memorial it would also create a visual barrier to Arlington Cemetery, one of the most sacred if not the most sacred land in the capital area. It would destroy the approach to this somber place and as such is disrespectful to those who rest there in peace.

I urge you in the strongest terms to think about what is best for the country and not to automatically rubberstamp the whims of just one man. The men and women at rest in Arlington Cemetery fought and died defending an America that always regarded itself as more important than one man, an America where the people placed the rule of law above the whims of a monarch. On this, the 250th Anniversary of the birth of our nation and this ideal, you would dishonor us all by approving this over-sized and grandiose arch.

Sincerely,

Arthur

Washington DC

Morris Deutsch

Washington, DC 20008

The National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street NW, #500N
Washington, DC 20004

February 23, 2026

Dear Madam or Sir:

I am writing to express my objections to the proposed arch the President wants to build in Memorial Circle in Arlington, VA.

At 250 feet it would not only dwarf its surroundings, but would create a visual barrier as one approaches Arlington National Cemetery. The somber and contemplative sense of place that exists now would be destroyed by an overbearing structure that is disrespectful to those souls resting in peace.

My objection to the 250-foot-tall arch starts with the fact that the established process for determining which monuments we build, where we build them, and approval of the final design is being bypassed. The appropriate government boards, consisting of people with diverse views, should be included in determining what we display on our public lands.

There are other concerns, such as the arch's effect on air traffic to and from the nearby Reagan National Airport, and limiting the general public's foot access to Memorial Circle.

I strongly urge you to stop this project.

Sincerely,



Morris H. Deutsch

Feb. 23, 2026

Ntional Trust for Historic Preservation

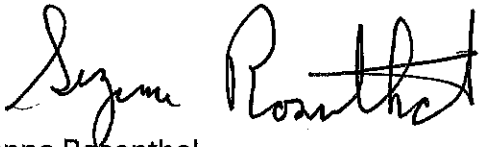
600 14th St NW, Suite 500

Washington DC 2000

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suzanne Rosenthal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Suzanne" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Rosenthal".

Suzanne Rosenthal

Washington DC

Feb. 23, 2026

The National Capital Planning Commission

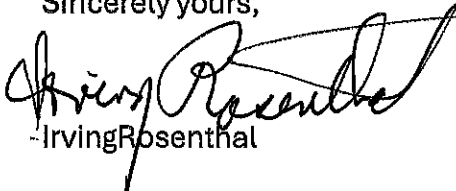
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-Irving Rosenthal

Washington DC

The National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street NW #500N
Washington, DC 20004

February 23, 2026

National Capital Planning Commission,

I write to express my opposition to the arch President Trump proposes to build in Memorial Circle. Such a structure in the middle of the approach to Arlington National Cemetery will diminish the grandeur and solemnity of this sacred resting place for America's veterans. Arlington's somber and contemplative character would be negatively impacted by such a structure as would the long view and historical connection across the bridge from the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington, damaging the experience of veterans, grieving families, and other Americans as they visit the cemetery.

There is an established process for proposing, vetting, and approving the designs for our national monuments on public lands. However, the administration appears to intend to flout that process. Monuments to our shared history should be fully and transparently considered and approved by a representative cross-section of Americans.

I urge you to use your voice and authority to block this proposed construction. It does not honorably reflect the manner in which we Americans show respect to those who served and paid the ultimate sacrifice defending democracy and our shared freedoms.

Thank you for your consideration.



Mary Wyckoff

Washington, DC 20009

February 23, 2026

The National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street NW, #500N
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: Memorial Circle arch/Independence arch

Dear Sir or Madam:

As a member of the public, I respectfully ask you to weigh carefully the rationale for and objections to the proposed Memorial Circle arch and make your considerations and conclusions available to the public.

In this regard, a few considerations:

1. Would an arch like this be a good memorial to our independence? The entry to the city over the Memorial Bridge is already flanked by the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery. Any distraction from, or overpowering of those monuments, would be an indication of disrespect, in my view.
2. Pubic safety issues need to be considered, including those related to air traffic, automobile traffic and pedestrians/visitors to the circle.
3. Public comments should be solicited on how members of the public would like to see our history of independence be celebrated. I don't think another monument, at least at this location, is the best idea. Surely there are better ones.
4. Is it guaranteed that the taxpayer will not end up paying some of the costs of this arch, directly or indirectly? If not, this does not seem to me to be a good use of the taxpayer's money.

Very truly yours,



Irene Price

Washington D.C.

The National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street NW, #500N
Washington, DC 20004

February 23, 2026

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to express my objections to the proposed oversized arch the president wants to build in Memorial Circle. At 250 feet, it would not only dwarf its surroundings, but would create a visual barrier as one approaches Arlington National Cemetery. The somber and contemplative sense of place that exists now would be destroyed by an overbearing structure that is disrespectful to those souls resting in peace.

My objection to the 250 foot arch (or any size arch) starts with the fact that the established process is not being followed. Many people from all walks of life should be included in determining what we display on our public lands. This is how we write our history. Now is not the time to have one person to do it for us.

Placing a 250 foot arch in Memorial Circle means that the public will have limited access to it. The traffic pattern is such that visitors will be taking their lives in their hands to actually get close to it. It's near impossible now to walk to Memorial Circle and there is no structure blocking the visibility. Public safety needs to be addressed.

I am concerned how an arch in Memorial Circle will impact flight patterns and safety. Its presence has the potential to complicate what is already a challenging approach to Reagan National Airport. We don't need to add a 250 foot structure to add to the challenge.

Any tribute to our country's 250 history should be an acknowledgement of the many people that contributed to not just the creation of our country but of the many who worked, fought and gave their lives to defend and uphold our Democracy. A 250 foot arch is not an appropriate tribute to history. It is a vanity project that does not reflect who we are as Americans and what America has stood for in our 250 year history.

I strongly urge you to stop this project. It does not reflect the manner in which we Americans show respect to those that have served and in some cases lost their lives in defending Democracy.

Sincerely,



Mary J. Doyle
Washington, DC

23 February 2026

National Capital Planning Commission
400 9th Street NW, #500
Washington, D.C. 20004

RE: Proposed Trump Arch

I am writing to object to the proposed construction of a 250-foot Arch on the Memorial Circle between the Lincoln Memorial and the Arlington Cemetery, modeled after the French Arc de Triomphe erected by Emperor Napoleon beginning in 1806.

Ostensibly, this Arch is proposed as a memorial to our American Revolution, celebrating the 250th anniversary of overthrow of the tyrannical reign of the British monarchy. Given the provenance of this particular Arch, nothing could seem more unsuitable for this memorial. While Americans do indeed owe a debt to France for its invaluable support of our Revolution, a tribute invoking Emperor Napoleon – a man who crowned himself Emperor, effectively becoming the first modern dictator – seems antithetical to the celebration of 250 years of American democracy.

This is underscored by the proposed siting of this Arch on the Memorial Circle in the shadow of the Lee-Custis mansion, built originally as a memorial to George Washington – a man fundamental of our American revolution and a man who represents the antithesis of Napoleon. Setting the standard for future America presidents, Washington stepped down after his term in office, evoking his unwavering support of an American republic which allowed no kings. The comparison with Napoleon – a man who rose through the French revolution and then declared himself the French emperor – could not be more stark.

Further, the method by which this particular memorial has been conceived and apparently imposed without any of the traditional public comment & consensus seems – much like the invocation of Emperor Napoleon – also antithetical to our democratic principles. In the history of our country, memorials placed in the area of our Capitol and its environs have been the subject of open and vibrant public discussion, allowing a process to operate to identify the democratic consensus. Where is that here?



Nancy Peters Maude

Washington, D.C. 20008

The National Capital Planning Commission

401 4th St.,NW- 500N

Washington, DC 20004

To whom It May Concern:

I strenuously object to the proposed arch on Memorial Circle. To understand that it was inspired by the Arc di Triomphe in Paris as a salute to Napoleon as Emperor is to disrespect our 250th Anniversary as a democracy.

Moreover, it has neither been vetted nor approved by All appropriate regulatory agencies, including the US Congress, — and we the people of this country.

Beyond its architectural faults and location in front of hallowed ground, Arlington National Cemetery , it is, in the end, an affront to our history and all who have given their utmost to preserve and protect our nation.

Respectfully,

Angela v. Elkins 

Washington DC

February 23, 2026

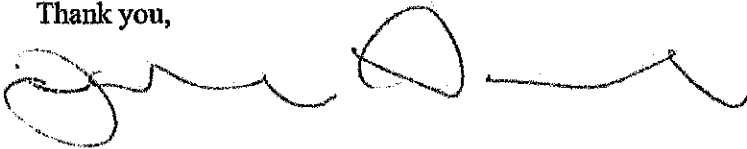
February 23, 2026

To The National Capital Planning Commission:

I am writing in opposition to the 250 foot arch, 150 feet larger than Lincoln's Memorial, that Trump has proposed to build next to Arlington National Cemetery (ANC), ostensibly to celebrate our country's 250 years. His objective for bigness runs contrary to the Memorial objective of the site he has chosen. The arch's presence would overshadow ANC and interrupt its visual connection with the Lincoln Memorial across Memorial Bridge. Instead of erecting a massive slab next to those who've served, we should let the unnumbered marbles at ANC speak their glory and ours. Instead of copying the arches of other nations, we should let the sacrifice of American service members be the design of this nation, one soldier equal to his neighbor, together, a democratic picture felt now and by generations to come.

I write today to preserve the place where my father lies buried after having served his country. We families of veterans don't need an aggressive concrete slab to know the glory of our country's 250 years. We need the space to honor our service members in peace, which is after all what they fought for.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janine Dunne', with a large, stylized initial 'J' and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke.

Janine Dunne
Washington, DC 20005

FRANCES F. BUTLER
FRANCIS J. BUTLER

Washington, DC 20008

February 26, 2026

The National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street NW, #500N
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Commissioners:

As residents of Washington, DC and former Virginians, we are writing to express our concerns and objections to the proposal to build an oversized arch on Memorial Circle.

Such an arch would dwarf our treasured Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument. It would obscure the peaceful view of Arlington Cemetery, the eternal flame at President John F. Kennedy's gravesite, as well as the Lee Mansion just above.

Arlington National Cemetery is of vital importance to our nation's history. The arch as currently planned would dominate Memorial Circle. It would adversely impact the sense of peace, reverence for those buried there, appreciation for their sacrifice, and sense of history that is experienced by those travelling from Washington, DC to Virginia over the Memorial Bridge as the landscape now exists.

Please do all you can to stop this proposed project.

Sincerely,



Frances F. Butler



Francis J. Butler

[REDACTED]
Washington, DC 20009

February 24, 2026

The National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street NW, #500N
Washington, DC 20004

I am commenting on the DC arch project for its upcoming review.

I suggest that the Board's recommendations nudge the President towards a monument that is a less grandiose in size and ensure its siting does not degrade the sanctity of the Arlington Memorial Cemetery. It should not create confusion and/or safety issues at the Memorial Circle.

The U.S. Armed Forces through the years have projected courage and service. When I witnessed on TV President Trump announce his hopes for the arch, he excitedly underscored that the arch was going to be the world's largest, and "blow the others away." U.S. quiet power and dignity do not call for an immense triumphal arch. When I first approached the site for the arch, I saw clearly that it will kidnap the serenity of mourners' approach to the Arlington Cemetery. In doing so it does not encourage respect for the sacrifice of our soldiers and presidents. Vietnam War Veterans have already objected to it. Their views should have weight.

The arch has been poorly sited from a practical perspective. Washington is actually a modest national capital that cannot continue hosting additional monuments of the arch's proportions. Care must be taken. Situating the arch on the small Memorial Circle at the conjunction of roadways to Georgetown, Reagan Airport, and the National Mall will clog the site with autos and trucks. I hope you recommend a review of the project include a traffic study and a review of flight patterns from/to Reagan Airport to understand the consequences of the siting upon traffic and flight safety.

I believe that you can best support President Trump in the review by proposing reduction of the arch's size and choosing another site. The present project does not echo our dignified respect for our country's most important military cemetery nor for America's quiet pride in our Armed Forces' contribution to the United States.

I sincerely thank you for your contributions to this project.



Thomas Carmichael, Washington DC, February 24, 2026

Jill E. McGovern, Ph.D.

Washington, D.C. 20008-4005, U.S.A.

February 28, 2026

The National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street NW, #500N
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Members of the National Capital Planning Commission:

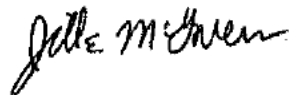
Please let me register the strongest possible opposition to the arch proposed to be built in Memorial Circle. I am adamantly against the arch for three reasons. The first is that this project has not been subjected to the planning, policymaking and review that is required for federal land and buildings in the National Capital Region and that is a responsibility that the NCPC has not fulfilled.

The second reason for opposing the proposed arch is that, at 250 feet in height, it would be totally out of scale with the surrounding environment and traffic patterns. It would pose a threat to the safety of air, pedestrian, and vehicular traffic. In addition, it would have a negative impact on the wildlife in the area.

The third reason that an arch of any size should not be built on Memorial Drive is that it would destroy the sensitively designed sightlines from Virginia to the Lincoln Memorial and from the District of Columbia to Arlington National Cemetery. Arlington is sacred ground, and it would be a national disgrace for any structure to obscure the respectful and somber entrance to the revered place where those who have served our nation, especially those who have sacrificed their lives defending our democracy, are laid to rest.

I would be pleased to offer more detailed information about the reasons that an arch on Memorial Drive would be a desecration. Thank you for your serious consideration of my objections.

Sincerely,



Jill E. McGovern

February 27, 2026

The National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street NW, #500N
Washington, DC 20004

To Whom It May Concern:

The Memorial Bridge—itsself a beautiful, stately structure—connects in a harmonious way the Lincoln Memorial—a monument to one of our greatest presidents—to Arlington Cemetery, the resting place for the many Americans who fought and in many cases died for their country and for the preservation of democracy. This grouping has long been one of our country's most hallowed memorials.

Inserting a 250-foot golden arch (altogether too reminiscent of a fast food operation) in the midst of this cherished space would be a desecration of these hallowed memorials. What would be the purpose of such an intrusion? The proposed arch has nothing to do with honoring key aspects of our national history. I cannot imagine it would be perceived as anything but the unsightly glorification of one individual's overweening narcissism. Do the American people need or want a memorial for that purpose? I think not.

Furthermore, the proposed location of the arch would create havoc with the movement of traffic on the Arlington side of the Potomac River and make it even more difficult for pedestrians to walk through this space. Its excessive size would create a visual barrier to the present harmonious appearance of the entire setting. There are also concerns that it might have a negative impact on local aviation.

For these reasons, I recommend strongly that The National Capital Planning Commission reject this misguided proposal.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn L. Stevens".

Kathryn L. Stevens
Washington, DC

The National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street NW, #500N
Washington, DC 20004

Feb. 28, 2026

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I strongly urge you to stop this project. It does not reflect the manner in which we Americans show respect to those that have served and, in some cases, lost their lives in defending Democracy. Thank you.

2. My objection to the 250 ft. arch starts with the fact that the established process for determining which monuments we build, where we build them, and approval of the final design is being bypassed. Many people from all walks of life should be included in determining what we display on our public lands. This is how we write our history. Now is not the time to have one person to do it for us.

3. Placing a 250-foot arch in Memorial Circle means that the public will have limited access to it. The traffic pattern is such that visitors will be taking their lives in their hands to actually get close to it. It's nearly impossible now to walk to Memorial Circle and there is no structure blocking the visibility. Are you intending to conduct a rigorous traffic study to determine the impact and feasibility of this plan? The safety of visitors or people driving through the area requires you to do so. Public safety should be your first concern.

4. I am concerned about how an arch in Memorial Circle will impact flight patterns and safety. Its presence could complicate what is already a challenging approach to Reagan National Airport. We don't need to add a 250-foot structure to add to the challenge. Whose interest does this project serve? Certainly not the public.

5. If we are going to pay tribute to our country's 250-year history, it should be an acknowledgement of the many people that contributed to not just the creation of our country but those many people that worked, fought and in many cases, gave their lives to defend and uphold our Democracy. A 250-foot arch is not an appropriate tribute to history. It is a vanity project that is not reflective of who we are as Americans and what America has stood for, for most of our 250-year history. Please reject this misguided plan.

Respectfully,



Eike Gundersen
Sullivan's Island, SC

The National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street NW, #500N
Washington, DC 20004

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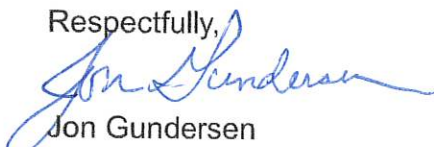
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Respectfully,



Jon Gundersen
Sullivan's Island, SC

Jacqueline P. Lemmon

Blacksburg, VA 24060

March 2, 2026

The National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street NW, #500N
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my objections to the proposed oversized arch the president wants to build in Memorial Circle. At 250 feet this monstrosity would not only dwarf its surroundings, but would create a visual barrier as one approaches Arlington National Cemetery. The somber and contemplative sense of place that exists now would be destroyed by an overbearing structure that is disrespectful to those souls resting in peace.

Another objection to the 250 foot arch begins with the fact that the established process for determining which monuments we build, where we build them, and approval of the final design is being bypassed. Many people from all walks of life should be included in determining what we display on our public lands. This is how we write our history. Now is not the time to have one person to do it for us.

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Thank you,

Jacqueline P. Lemmon

Jacqueline P. Lemmon

[REDACTED]
Sebastian, Florida 32958

Friday, March 6, 2026

The National Capital Planning Commission

401 9th Street NW #500N

Washington, DC 20004

Dear Sir/Madam:

In recent weeks, I learned about the lawsuit filed by Public Citizen opposing the construction of a Triumphal Arch in Memorial Circle. Vietnam War veterans Michael Lemmon, Shaun Byrnes, and Jon Gunderson along with architectural historian Calder Loth make a compelling argument that the proposed 250-foot-high structure would pose a major disruption to the aesthetics and symbolism of the area. They also warn it could present significant safety concerns for ground and air traffic.

It is my understanding that President Trump plans to build this structure without proper reviews or authorization by Congress. He appears to be bypassing federal statutes, including the Commemorative Works Act. In October 2025 when asked by a reporter who the Arch was for, Trump was quoted to respond, "Me".

As a citizen of the United States of America, I am offended by the ostentatious arrogance reflected by this proposed project. I respect the efforts of Public Citizen and the four plaintiffs to challenge the construction of this gigantic arch. The Administration has already defaced the White House, projected a light show on the Washington Monument, and unfurled a banner of Trump on the facade of the Justice Department. What further desecration of our nation's capitol will go forward unchecked?

The lawsuit and accompanying declarations have my full support.

Sincerely,

Christy Trauernicht
Christy Trauernicht

Michael Gould

Washington, DC 20008

To Whom It May Concern,

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Michael Gould

Davye Gould

Washington, DC 20008

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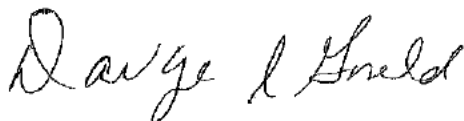
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Washington, DC 20008

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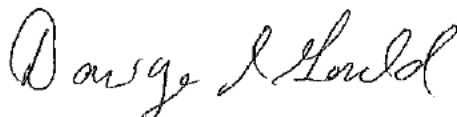
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Davye Gould



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Washington, DC 20008

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Sincerely,



Michael Gould

Thomas W. Allen

St. Helena, CA 94574

March 22, 2026

Mr. Will Scharf,
Chairman, National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20004

RE: CITIZEN OBJECTION TO THE INDEPENDENCE ARCH PROPOSAL

Dear Chairman Scharf:

I am writing to register my strongest possible objection to the proposed Independence Arch at Memorial Circle.

The National Capital Planning Commission exists to protect the long-term integrity of the L'Enfant and McMillan Plans; allowing a 250-foot structure to disrupt the symbolic axis of the National Mall would be a dereliction of that duty.

The scale of this project is entirely inappropriate for its intended site. It ignores the height restrictions and visual harmony that make our capital unique. I request that the Commission reject this proposal in its entirety during the review process.

Our national symbols should represent unity and history, not the aesthetic whims of a single administration – or worse, a single tyrant.

Sincerely,



Thomas W. Allen

cc: The Honorable Mike Thompson 268 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515
The Honorable Alex Padilla 331 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510
The Honorable Adam Schiff 112 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Tammy Davies

Mount Pleasant, WI 53406

4/27/26

The National Capital Planning Commission

401 9th Street NW, Suite 500N

Washington, DC 20004

I am writing to formally submit my strong opposition to the proposed monument/arch project currently under consideration.

While I support thoughtful civic architecture that enhances the nation's capital, I do not believe this proposal meets the standards required for a project of this scale, cost, and permanence. Major public works in Washington, D.C. must reflect careful planning, broad public benefit, and long-term architectural integrity—not rushed or politically driven design decisions.

My concerns include the following:

First, the scale and projected cost of the project appear excessive relative to its public value. At a time when federal and local infrastructure needs remain significant, large discretionary expenditures on symbolic structures must be carefully justified and transparently evaluated.

Second, the design elements described publicly raise questions about functionality, aesthetics, and coherence with the existing civic landscape of Washington, D.C. Any new monument or arch should respect the historical and architectural context of the National Mall and surrounding federal spaces, rather than dominate or detract from them.

Third, I am concerned about the pace and transparency of the approval process. Projects of this magnitude should undergo full public review, with opportunities for meaningful input from historians, architects, preservation experts, and the general public.

For these reasons, I urge the National Capital Planning Commission to reject or substantially reconsider this proposal. At minimum, I request that no approval be granted until a complete, transparent review is conducted with full public disclosure of design plans, costs, and long-term maintenance obligations.

The National Mall and surrounding civic spaces are among the most important symbolic landscapes in the United States. Any permanent addition to them should meet the highest possible standards of design, necessity, and public consensus.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Tammy Davies

Dear NCPC,

Donald Trump's plans to remake our capital in a Kingly style are contrary to our country's founders' plans for "the people's house" and capital city. The Arch de Trump would be a ridiculous monument to himself. The White House ballroom would be Trump's garish griff room. Apparently, the current meeting spaces don't accommodate "enough donors." Please vote 'No' on these monstrosities. Kathy Lynn, MN

To: ALL members of this Commission —

Do NOT approve of Trump's "Independence Arch" — He has done enough damage already! Do the right thing!



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NO ARCH!
NO BALLROOM!

STOP
THIS NARCISSISTIC
MADMAN
GRIFTER

PLEASE

BALTIMORE MD 212
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TO National Capital Planning
Commission
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WASHINGTON

20004

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More than ever—

listen to the American people.

- We don't want or need an arch,
- We don't want or need a ballroom.
- We don't want the Reflecting Pool to be blue.
- We don't want Hayfayre Fountain to look like a casino.

Dear Commission -

I am vehemently opposed to the
proposed building of an ARCH
in Washington D.C.

As a citizen and tax payer of
70 years old, I do not want
my tax payer dollars going
towards this.

And, it's too big and not needed.

Respectfully -

SHARON
HEATZ

B A R C E L O N A

Parc Güell, Viaducte,
Antoni Gaudí, 1900 - 1914.

NO ARCH!
NO BALLROOM!
NO TRUMP!

from
- A Former
Republican
Voter

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Washington D.C.

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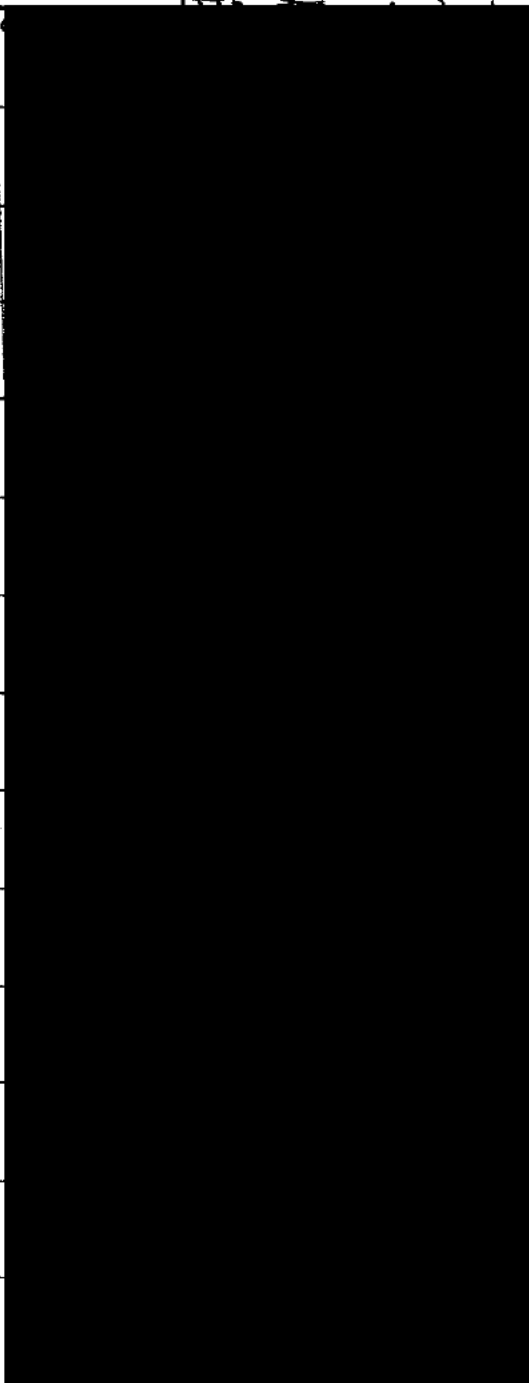
Stop the Arch!



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re Siman		Don't waste more tax money on this, healthcare for all instead!	2/28/20
n Cavanaugh		20010 Ugly, ugly, ugly!	2/28/26
chael Wilman			2/28
issa Adler		No!	2/28
Villaroso			2/28
Kuna Sikora		No!	2/28
h Steinhilber		No!	2/28
a Harrison			2/28
ksen Brandberg			2/28
e Kehn			2/28
LEW SCHNEIDER		NO!	2/28
avid Thau			2/28
ivy Potter		absolutely not!	2/28
Hay Franorise		NO!!	2/28

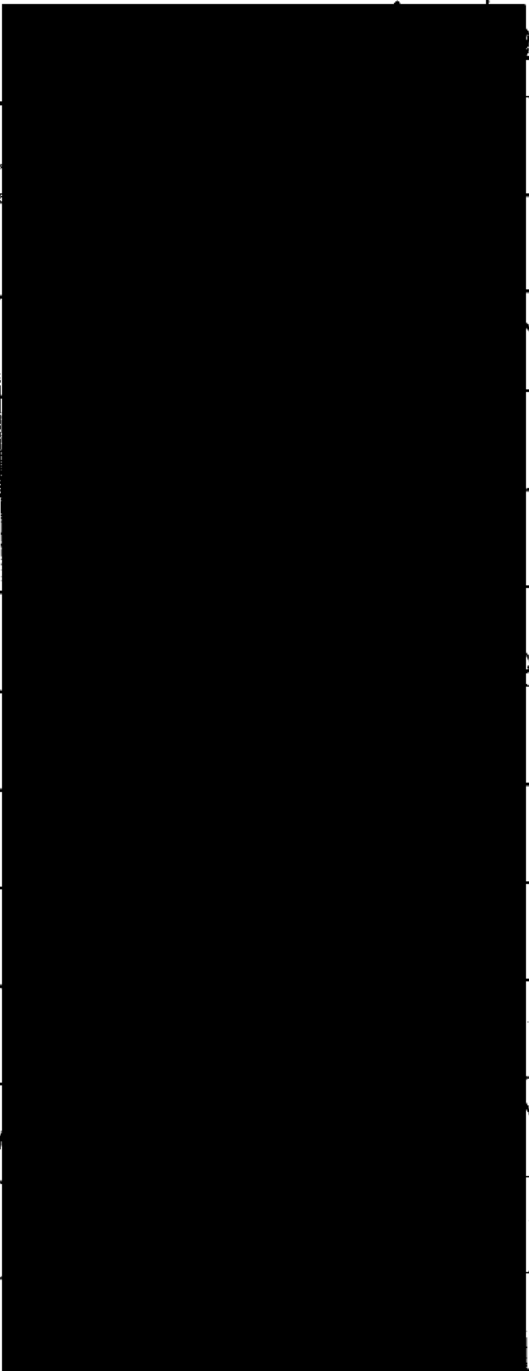
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Daniel Coyle		~~will~~ Will take away from the sacredness of the National Cemetery	2/25/26
EVA LANGBEHN		completely disagree with the project.	2/26/26
Jeff Wells		Black view of memorials + Arlington cemetery. Waste of money. Illegally funded	2/26/26
Frank Butler		AGAINST GLORIFICATION OF WAR	2/26/26
Aria Rosen		4th Reich design and overweening size are repellant	2/26/26
bin Diener		as above	2/26/26
David Busch		Will try to help	4/26/26
Tricia Leslie		Thank you for your efforts!	2/26/26
ie Jones-Speck		the wrong monument in the wrong place	2/26/26
Chary Hubben		Thank you!	
Allisha Aliu		NO fascism!	
ylan Rassier			2/28/26
ma John			2/28/26
REET: DHI won		No more crap	2/28/26

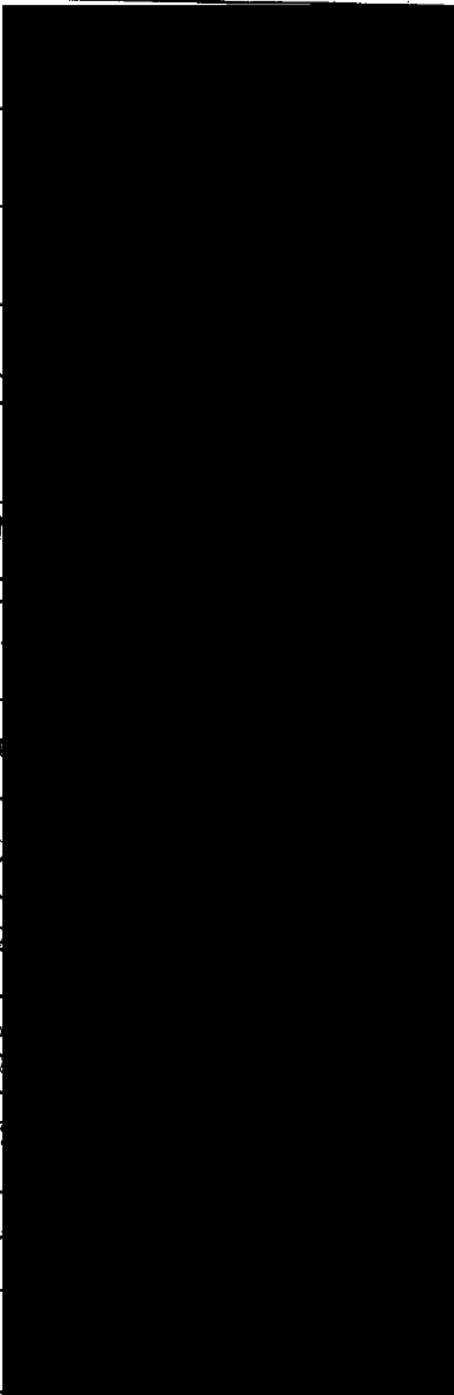
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S. Jean Stewart		This would block the view of Arlington Nat'l Cemetery & an obstacle to view	2/27
Leslie Murphy		This arch is an immense waste of taxpayer \$\$\$ & this law suit is so necessary!	2/28
John W. W. W.		Please don't...	
IRIANNE TURNER		AGREE! PLEASE DO NOT BUILD THIS	2/27
Shad Filz		STOP THE ARCHIT!	2/28
and Zorroll		Free DC	2/28
Esther		—	2/28
S Ramsey-Zie		—	2/28
KS MAY		—	2/28
stopper		—	2/28
mp/ton		—	2/28
e Gwinner		completely heinous + hideous	2/28
Wm Steinhart		Waste of money	2/28
elle Saliman		Trump sucks !!!	2/28
& Brewster		great	2/28

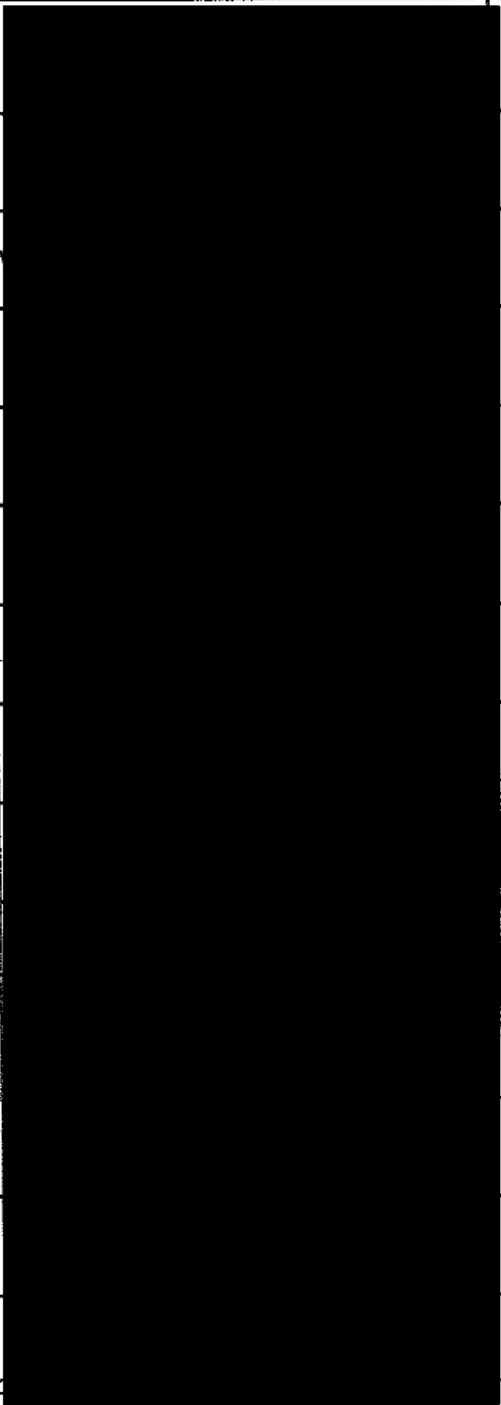
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m Lynn		Stop the Arch!	
barahwells		2020	2/26/26
beth Bumbrey		Stop the Arch	2/26/26
N BECKLEY		W	
Quelison			26 Feb 26
D ANDERSON			26 Feb 26
ray Pressman		03	2/26/26
sey Deese			2/26/26
Cora Stephenson		Stop the Arch!	" "
Delaney Greene			2/26/26
A. Wickenheiser		Stop the Arch!	2/27/26
Wilhelmine Mitl		W No ARCH - it is embarrassing	2/27/26
Wicks milled		Please - let our heroes rest in peace	2/27/26
arson Creehan		Not a good use of resources & not needed in our city	2/27/26

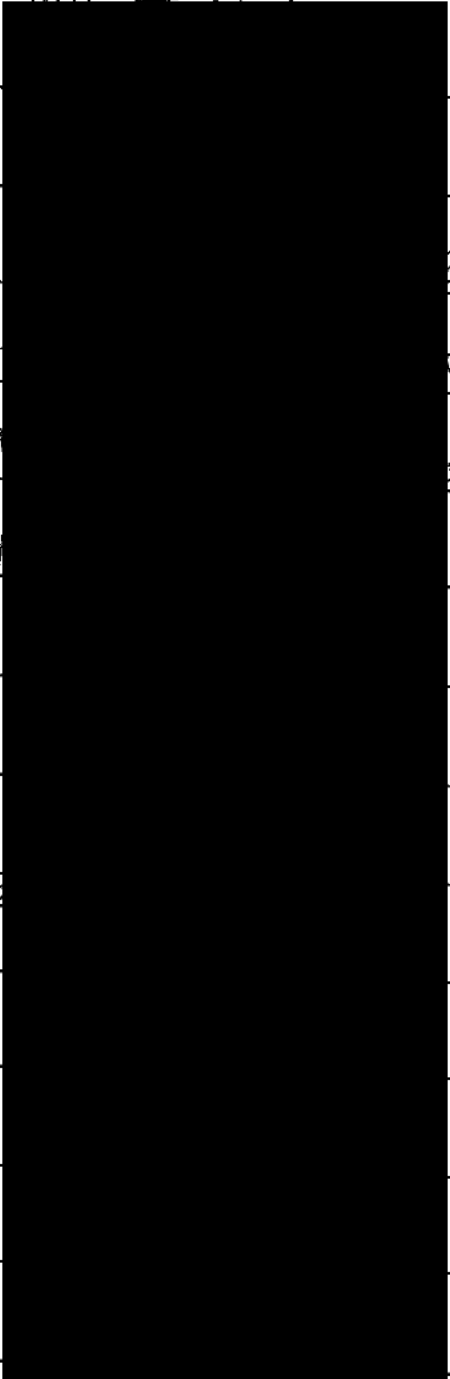
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loby J. Gati		An abomination & an insult to all Americans	2/27/26
Mr. Stoltz		My dad, a 30-year Navy veteran, is buried at Arlington. Keep it the way it is!	2/27/26
Wb (Ret) Steven E. Steiner		I support your efforts!	2/27/26
mas O. Melia		Stop the Arch!	2/27/26
Craig KARP		Arch = Madness	2/27/26
Lisa Gwin		Big error	2/27/26
Greg Thielmann		Right on!	2/27/26
John Woodworth		Wish you success	2/27/26
W O'KEEFE		ANOTHER VET against the ARCH	2/27/26
Mark Azic		No Arch, No War.	2/27/26
Tyler Sylvester		No War, No Arch!	2/28/26
Lewis Page			2/28/26
ATIAN WHITE			2/28/26
brina Kellner		NO ARCH	2/28/26

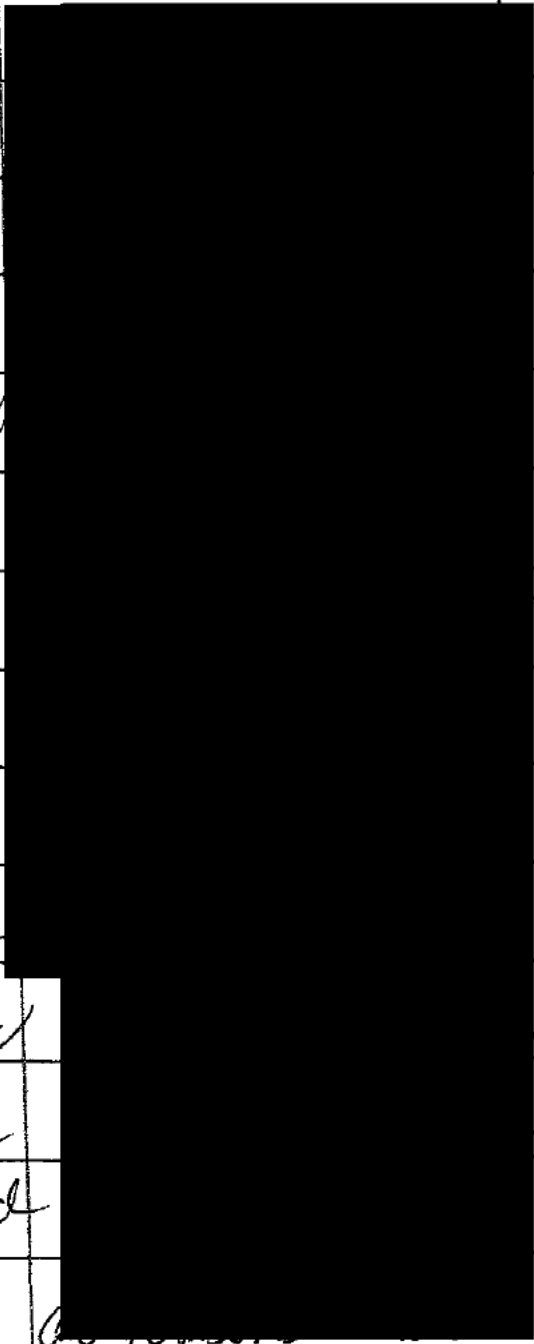
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Sochle Gelber			2/28/26
Will Newton		No Kings!	2/28/26
Emily McLeod			2/28
Robert Wilson		Gold is <u>so</u> tacky	2/28
Will Loran-Lewis			2/28
Rebecca Wilton			2/28
Halina Barnett			2/28
Harry Sonenby			2/28
my Affluent			2/28
e Schwalb			2/28
sabeth Tones			2/28
ic Thompson Bey		No Trump Arch 1 1	2/28
ra Korneke			2/28
Andee Anderson			

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Hardy Stewart		No more Trump Defilement	2/28/26
James Stewart		of our nation's capital	2/28/26
Eri Ochler		"	2/28/26
Jonner Delays		Negative & unprecedented	2/28/26
Lyle Ann		No more vanity projects!	2/28/26
LUCY HANEY		Booooo	2/28/26
ella Bortz			2/28/26
M.J. Dempsey			
Thryn Bullard			2/28/26
Jan Sosa			"
C. M. M.		—	2/28
Scotty Fristoe			2/28
Blayden Pun			2/28
Allison Zelman			2/28

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Roger Pratt		No Arch!	2/26/26
Ter Sherman		"	
Victoria Sams		No monstrous arch eyesore!	2/26/26
Ken Croker		No Arch!	2/26/26
Samie Lieberthal		Arch will de-poll DC	2/20/26
dea Heezo.			2/25/26
Helene Tusenius		The Arch will be dangerous for the flight path	2/26/26
Richard Miller		NO NO NO	2/24/26
xxxxx MANDMAN		No Arch de Trump	2/26/26
Idrea Anayiotis		No Arch!	2/26/26
Nicholas Lemmon		NO NO Trump Arch	2/26/26
PAUL DeMouy		20217 It will ruin the D.C. City!	2/27/26
Arve S. Gould		No Arch	2/27/2026
Oliveri		No arch. Endangers the flight path and immediate vicinity of the Arch	2/27/2026

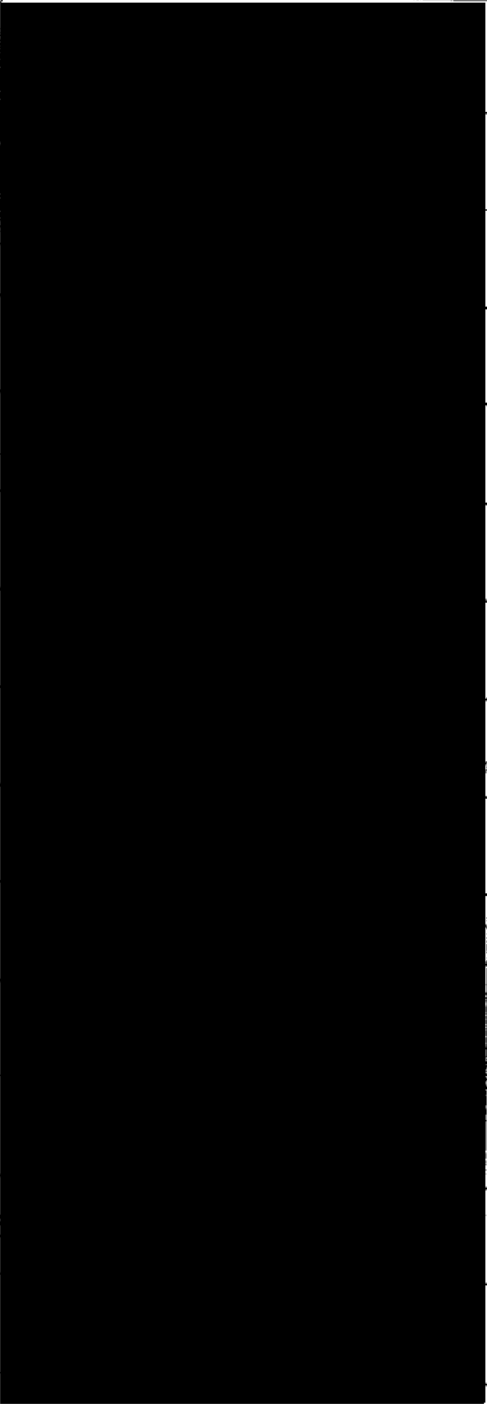
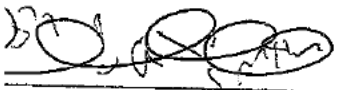
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Stephen Abraham			28 Feb 2026
VAN FERNANDO GOMEZ		WE ARE <u>NOT</u> A MONARCHY!	2/28/26
ah Spar			↓
Jose Feinberg			2/28/26
Margaret Downing			2/28/26
Roberta Stanton			2/28/26
YOGESH SHARMA			2/28/26
Al Schneider			2/28/26
Andrew Lawlor			2/28/26
Wendy Obidgen			2/28/26
Donald P Salzman			2/28/26
Therine Garrett		NO KINGS!!	2/28/26
Sumir Rawal		There are better uses for the money	2/28/26
Carol SUMMEYS			

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SSICA E		thanks for this effort!	2/28
IAN GWINNER		GO!	2/28
mis Williams		Go!!	
			
n Saliman			2/28
x Valdespino		no arch!	2/28
v FRENCH		WASTE OF MONEY	2/28/26
can nason		NW Thanks	2/28/26
legan Carlucci			2/28/26
et Blackwell		"	2/28
Wleen Sheridan		Ridiculous narcissism	2/28
ven Upshaw-Peters		Wild!	2/28
IE GALVIN		Revolting intro 2 autocracy!	2/28
IS JOHNSON		Thankyou!	2/28

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LET'S LEARNING TO ERECT ON MEMORIAL CIRCLE

NAME	ADDRESS OR CONTACT INFO	COMMENTS	DATE OF SIGNING
Rebecca Bertolmy		No arch - It's stupid / not ^{my} thought	3/14
Ma Healy		↑ That! No need for a monument to DJT	8/14
Sue Sheehy		No arch!	3/14
Jessie Diamond		No thanks!	3/14
Ngha Carlson		N/A	5/14
rd Macaluso		N.A Ugh!!!	8/14
Anton Long		✓	
IS Jordan			
Shannon Bern			3/14
Peter To C.		Ditto to the above	7/14
Colma Quinn		Respect historical preservation, p/s	3/14
Andrew Gillespie		No Arch!	3/14
Barbara McLean		Respect veterans	3/14
Phie Montgomery			3/14
IVPSAY Peter			

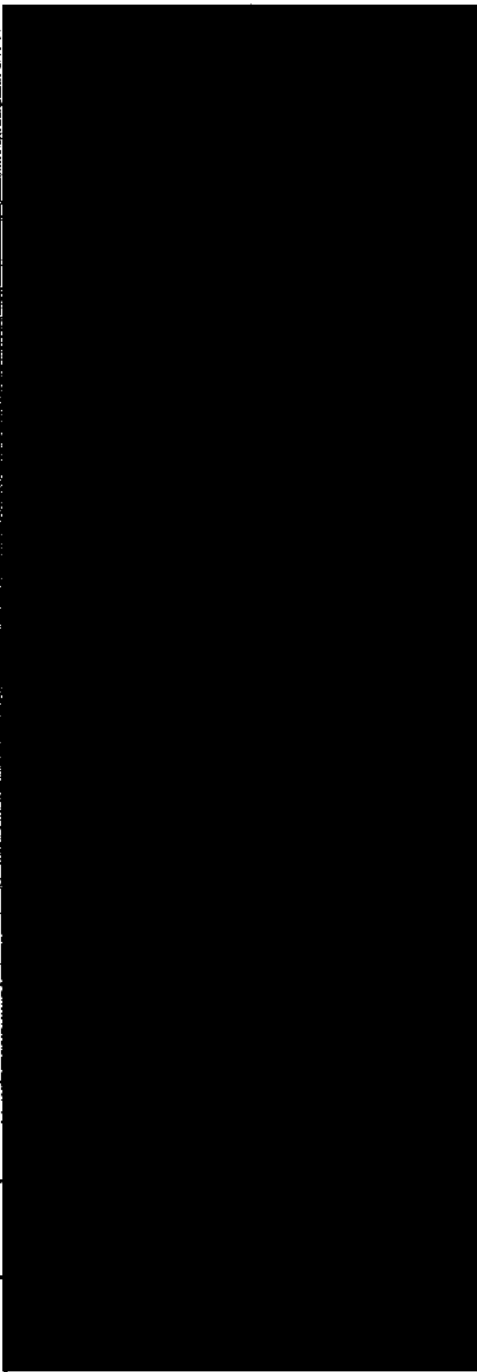
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Elyse Echegaray		Disgraceful	03/07
Olivia Kline			03/07
Lea Mann			3/7
PEDRO Mojica		Disgraceful	3/7
Car Reynolds			3/8
Emily Tatum			3/13
Elizabeth Duncin			3/13
Phyllis Behms			3/13
Azlin Armstrong			3/13
Alexis Katzelnick			
Jill Macchia			3/14
Elizabeth Van Housen			3/14
Allan Swenson			
Ann Bascia			

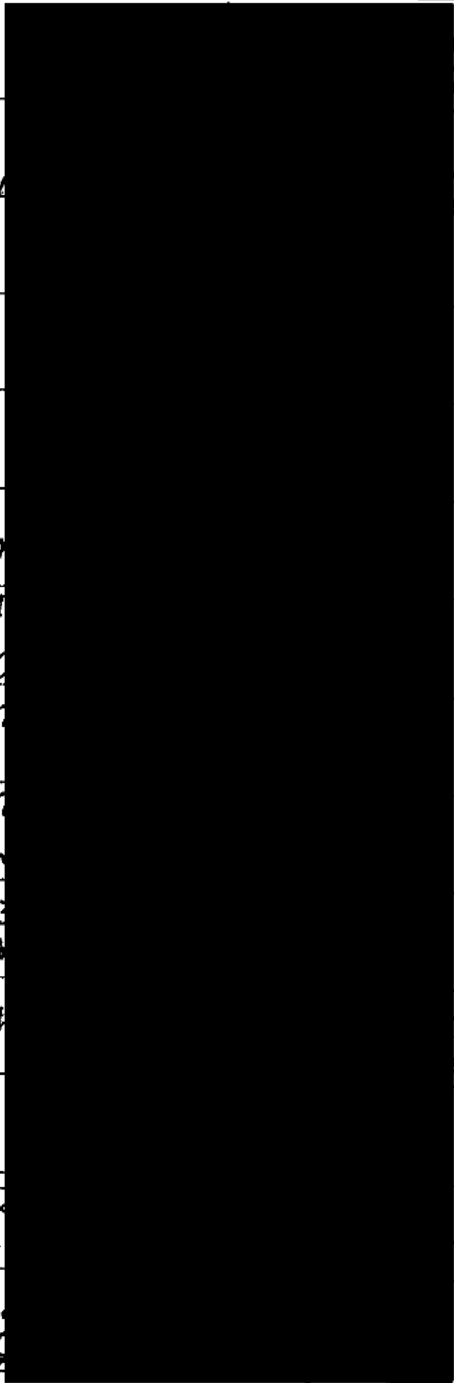
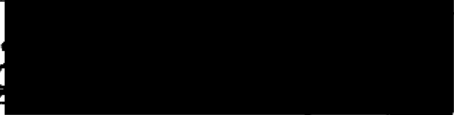
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Brooke Laird		This is going to ruin our city!	3/1
Bryan Foster			3/1
Sarah Morley		Do not interfere with Arlington cemetery	3
Elizabeth Hetzler			3
Sally Hansbagen		No Wars either	3/1
Michael Fay			3
PAUL FESER			3
PAUL DALLIS			2/1
John Chosniak			3/1
Emma S. Fre			2/1
Adriel Caplan			3/1
Sahan Shafgat			3/1
Melissa Schulte			3/1
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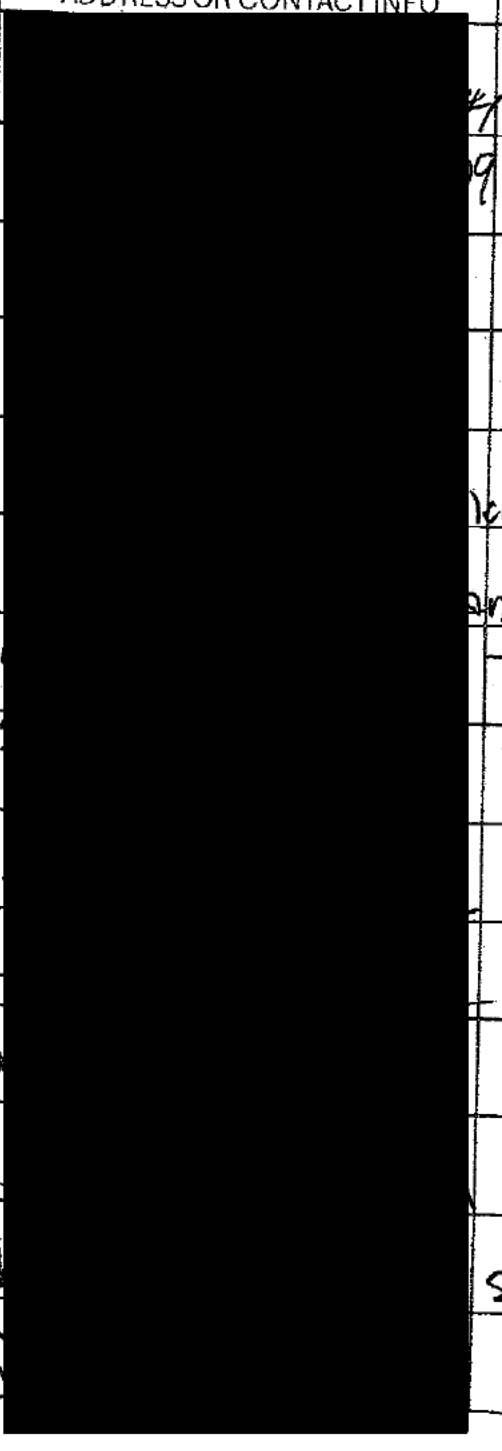
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Anna Gibbs			3/14
Bilal Duckett			3/14
Angela Zhang			3/14
Saahithi Rao			3/14
Siobhan Horgan			3/14
Joseph Cafferty			3/14
Anne Thuermer			3/14
Hannah DeSordo			3/14
Autumn Noury			
William Gold			
JS Jacobs		Thank you!!	
Cynthia Guerrero			
VICTORINE			
BAEL			

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11 ULZETCH			2/28
4d Zelleck			2/28
nel Timmons			2/28
éphanie Bekhor			2/28
ie Crane			2/28
14 Hilton			2/28
y Hyde			2/28
ie Stone			2/28
7 Peterson			2/28
12 Joseph			2/28
nel Galeotas			2/28
e Politano			2/28
Janne Vine			2/28
charlie Coste			2/28

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Virginia Johnson		This ^{arch} is an illegal erection!	2/28/26
Michael DeTomas		Awful, disgraceful idea.	2/28/26
Wendy Smith		Not satisfied w/ decision	3/1/24
Kes Carpenter		Waste of money	3/1/26
n 149		Sounds narcissistic	3/1/22
erry (Morse)		NO	3/1/24
Regianne Thomas		No!!	3/1
I Solomon		NO	3/1
rey Baillie		No arch - waste of money	3/1
re Baillie		Waste of money - ego project	
ma Childs		Make the Crazy END	3/1
Michael Lopinolo		Thank you	3/1
AM SCHWARTZ		thanks!	3/1/26
le Alder		Thanks	3/1/26

NAME	ADDRESS OR CONTACT INFO	COMMENTS	DATE OF SIGNING
Freddie Passarelli		4/20/10	3-1-26
Nantha Miller		I strongly oppose this proposed construction	3/1/26
INIFER RONDEAU		STRONGLY OPPOSE!	3/1/26
Ather Heiss		strongly oppose any addition of construction by Trump to	3/1/26
Marco Sanchez		from F*ck Trump, that's why!	3/5/26
Quynh Pham		an.org NO !!!	3/5/26
Donna Powell		This arch should NEVER be built!	3/5/26
David Weiss		Ridiculous!	3/5/26
Don Powell		NO ! !	3/5/26
Jim Mendersol		Stupid, like Trump!	3/5/26
Vancy Despeaux		Glad to be speaking up!	3/5/26
Janis Clark		STRONGLY OPPOSE !!!!!!!!	3/5/26
Jane Gronewald		strongly oppose !!	3/5/26
Elysa Kurylas		NO!	3/5/26

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will Goffredo		NO ARCH & Trump	3/2/26
the Gallagher		Fascism is Bad!	
the Broz		<u>NO</u> way.	
Kevin Foxman		don't agree	
Mikell - Tisdale		no body	
line Foshee		NO!!!! No memorials for sitting presidents, no exceptions	3/1/26
e Beggs		11	
NE HIRSHFIELD			3/1/26
Rogerson		No Arch take Trump's Nazist!	3/1/26
ELIS MALLOY		NO ARCH EVER!	3/1/26
malloy		NO ARCH 1.1.16	3/1/26
C Whaney		No Arch!	3/1/26
nnifer Poter		NO Arch	3/1/26
W. L. Loe		No arch! No arch! No arch!	3/1/26

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ian Simone		Use that money to fix roads after the snow storm !!	3/7/26
lissa Ruiz		Do things that benefits the community!	3/7/26
anelle Vetter		What a waste!	3/7/26
Joe Cariz		Put the money toward our schools	3/7/26
Joseph Haskell			3/7/26
mae Haskell			3/7/26
Dick Beckmann		No more personal monuments	3/7/26
Alex Beckmann		No Comments	3/7/26
Lura Conrad			3/7
ivin McLaughlin			3/7
Sh Nylén		NO.	3/7
garret Slattery		no	3/7
ny Poljak		NO	3/7
rdia Ferrucci		NO	3/7

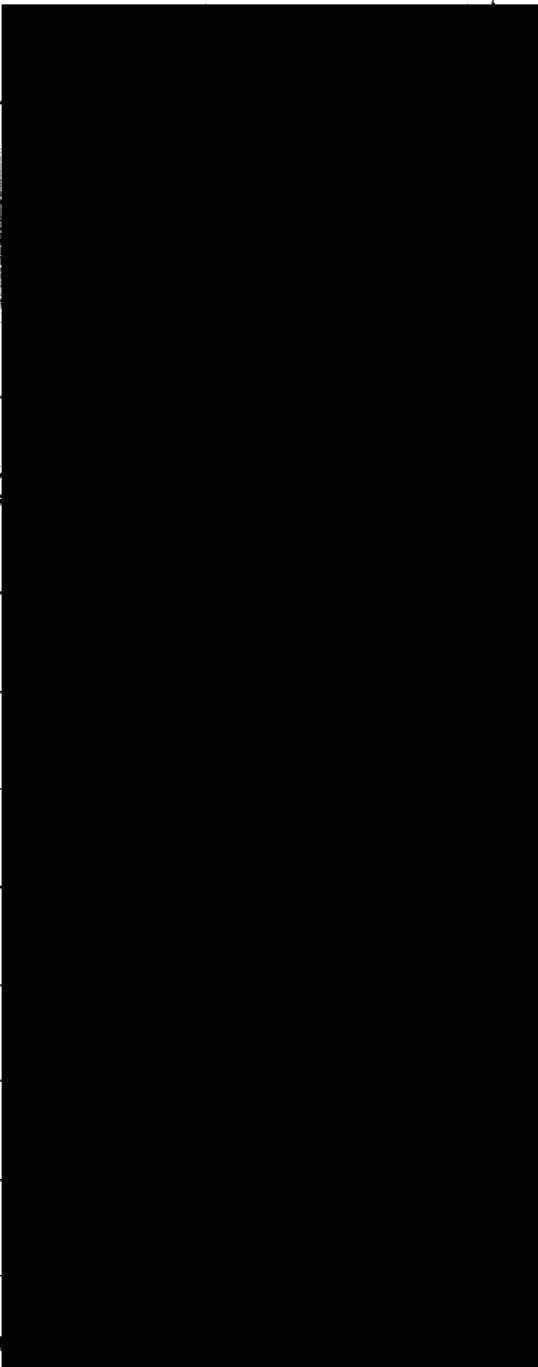
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in Blake		No!	3/7
WZ		No!!	3/7
chel Dean		No arch	3/7
Re. Stitt		!!	3/7
n Holbrook		No	3/7
alese Okland		No arch!!	3/7
rielle Keene		No!	3/7
drav Loewig		No!	3/7
esne G. Sramon		No!	3/7
IAN KOYASH		Absolutely not	3/7
Rana Blanco		W/A. I don't believe he represents 4t	3/7
ren Lindquist		NONE	3/7
Ryan Prince		Trump loves	3/7
Karen Schneider		No!	3/7

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Jennifer Jessop		will break the line between Arlington National Cemetery/DC	2/28/26
Celeste Harrison			2/28/26
Mary Westsch		Visual obstruction. Intrusion on Arlington Cemetery. No Congress input.	3-5-26
Carolinn Kuebler		DITTO	3-5-26
Karin Samara		— " — ↑	3-5-26
Alex's Bruns		" "	3-7-26
Julia Etham			3/7/26
Audrey Naregawa		" "	3/7/26
John Short		History	3/7/26
Sara Short		so dumb	3/7/26
Sam Bow		NO LINGS!	3/7/26
McKenna Canty		No arch!	3/7
Aayushi Gang			3/7
Hannah Charles		No arch	3

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Joanne Levine		NO ARCH	3/7
Dan Fox		No Arch	3/7
Nora Mogul		NO ARCH	3/7
Richard T. Rogers		What they said ↑	3/7
Matt Schwab		com	3/7
Naoi Nikoi		NO!	
Bi H. H. H.		No.	
Cecilia Michalowski		No	3/7
Nech Shapiro		NO!	3/7
Sam Bloom		Ridiculous	3/7
Malby		nope	3/7
Patrick Ross			3/7
Caroline Thompson			3/7
Mr. Z. Z. Z.			3/7

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Carolyn Ekenmeyer		an abomination	3/1/26
Sarah Hurlbert		No Arch	3/1/26
T. Joyce		Ch Ch MD	3/1
M. Kaplan		Mel ~~De~~ sign	3/1
Jessica Luby		NO Arch	3/1
~~Wally~~ H		Not Here,	3/1
Tom Whaley		No ARCH	3/1
Michael Peacock			3/1
Larce Masters		NO Arch—	3/1
John Riser		No arch—	3/1
Didley Schuler		No arch	3/1
James Dawson		—	3/1
William Martin		No Arch	3/1
Patricia Garby		No Arch	3/1

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Amirahans		<i>[Signature]</i>	3/6/26
Brian Peltan			3/7/26
Charlotte Bunnos		<i>[Signature]</i>	3/7/2025
Gary Kelly		<i>[Signature]</i>	3/7/25
Lydia Peabody		<i>[Signature]</i>	3/2/26
Katie Ries		I AM COMPLETELY AGAINST THIS!	3/7/26
Alaina Budnic			3/7/26
Rachel Kynther		<i>[Signature]</i>	3/2/26
John Shore			3/8/26
Stuart Kason			3/7/26
Allie Evareho			3/7/26
Will Parnam			3/7/26

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VICTOR GOETZ			28 MAR 2026
Lisa Y. HARRIS			
Byron Snyder		NO NAPOLEONIC MONUMENTS	28 MAR 26
Susan White		NOT YOUR CITY	28 MAR 26
Sharon Hurff		LEAVE NOW	3/25/26
CAROL GALATY		Get rid of Trump!	3/28/26
Barbara Karni		No Trumps Name No Arch	3/28/26
Adi Karni			3/28/26
Pam Lovell			"
Anela Gomez			3/28/26
Rachel			3/28/26
Ehab Awad			3/28/26
Thomas McDavid			3/28/26
David Bugin			3/28/26

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ref Hansen		FDT	3/23/26
Ashley Bernarcho			3/28/26
leg Page		No Kings!	3/25/26
aul Costa			3/25
aura Santos		PRO Immigrant NO KING	3/25/
ETH ALVEY		No Arch	3/28/26
mes Alvey		No arch! No monument! Nothing!	3/28/26
VID ALVEY		No arch!	3/28/26
Alston		No Kings No arch!	3/25
de Funderbold		2 NO KINGS	3/28
an Bramble		FDT	3/28
Jack Warner			
John Hamwill		FUCK TRUMP	3/26
U.S.A. 11		TRUMP IS A LIAR	

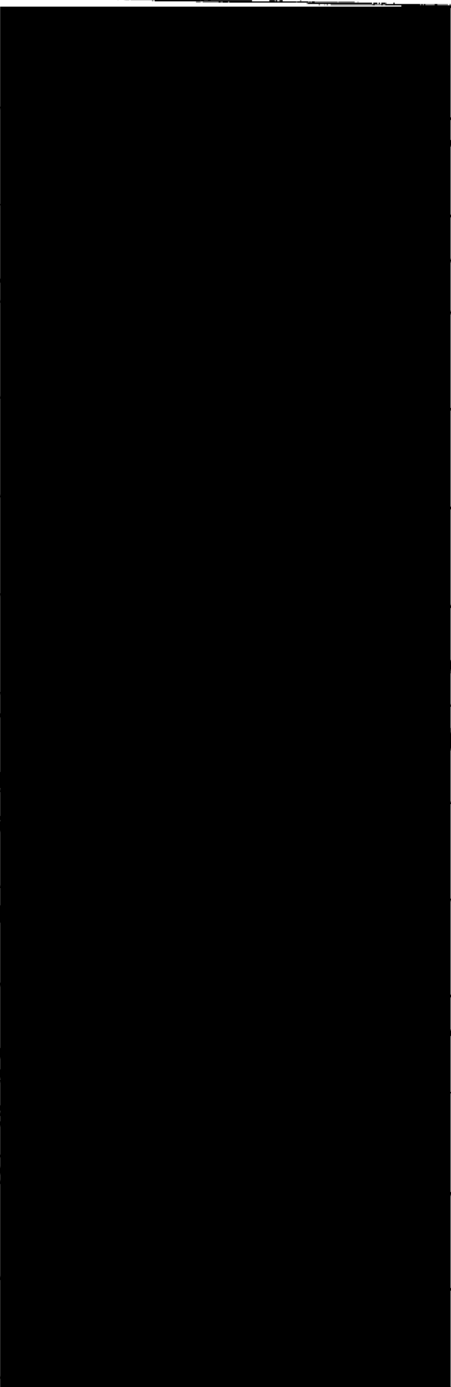
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FRANCIS J. BUTLER			2/23/21
FRANCES F. BUTLER			
~~Wesley~~		2101 Connecticut	2/23/26
~~Wesley~~		"	17
Inde Weitz			2-23
Rail Bogard			2/23
Scott Dakebroux			2/23
Alerie Dakebroux			2/23/25
JEVE WEITZ			2/13/25
QUEEN DUNLAVY			2/13/26
OW RADANO			2/23/26
JUDY Mandel		Put it in the new White House Ballroom	2/24/26
William Kemp		Don't do the Arch	2/24/2026
Michael Goulet		" "	2/24/2026

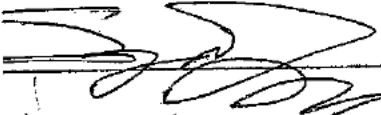
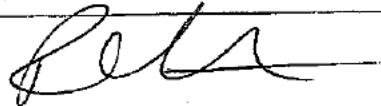
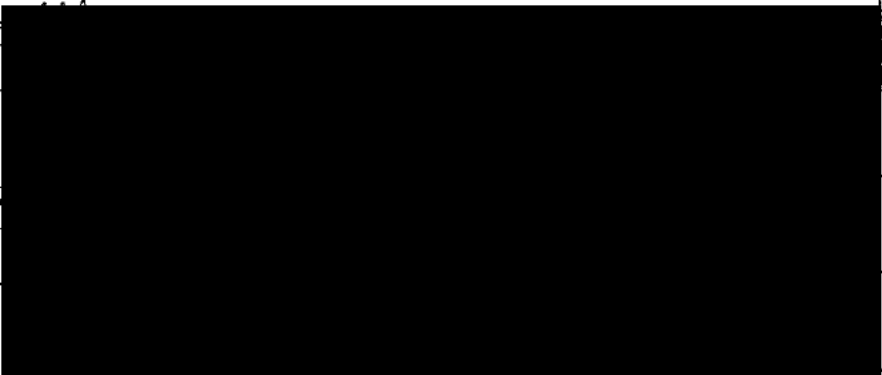
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FRANK MCGEE		NO ARCH!	2/24
Lee Guthrie		No Arch!	2/24
Anthony M		NO Arch!	
Don Dechen		What? Destroying the White House waiting enough?	2/24
Karen O'Neill		Arch is a horrible idea! make it go away!	2/25
Robert O'Leary		when is enough enough.	2/25
Jim Carmichael		Too Big - Insults the approach to Arlington Cemetery	2/26
Andy Lesko		Stop this illegal process	2/26
Claire Pratt		NW 008 No Arch!	2/26
Phyllis Bennis		<u>No Arch</u> - No Genocide!	2/26
Barbara Wotshel		No Arch	2/26
Ray & Kelly		Please disapprove Arch.	2/26
Mike McQueen		Absolutely No Arch!	2/26/26

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McEhene Yates			2/28
al Hahn			2/28
ria Smith		ST 70	2/28
A CARLSON			2/28
ob Sheldon			2/28
pe Fagundes			2/28
.. Hillman			2/28
ew O'Brien			2/28
a Snyder			2/28
ra Draper			2/28
ghan O'Neil			2/28
u Leonard			2/28
ca Selzer			2/28
a Thunke			2/28

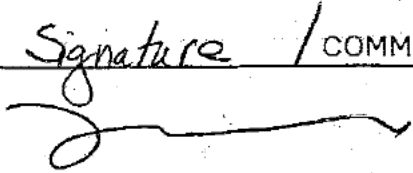
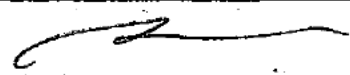
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T. Hillan Camp			2/26/26
F. ARMSTRONG			2/25/26
Admstr		010	
Manly Koller		07 Just Plain Wrong	2/25/26
Jes & sister		3	2/26/26
		14	2/26/26
Judy Hubbard		20008 Judy Hubbard	2/24/26
Lelli Knox		22310	2/26/26
ebelen Miller		or 	2/26/26
inde schiffere			2/26/26
Annie Hall			2/26/26
USAN MATHE			
R. Schweg			
zabeth Merritt			
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		the proposed arch would be grossly out of scale & has not gone through any of the required review procedures	2/26/2026
			2-26-26

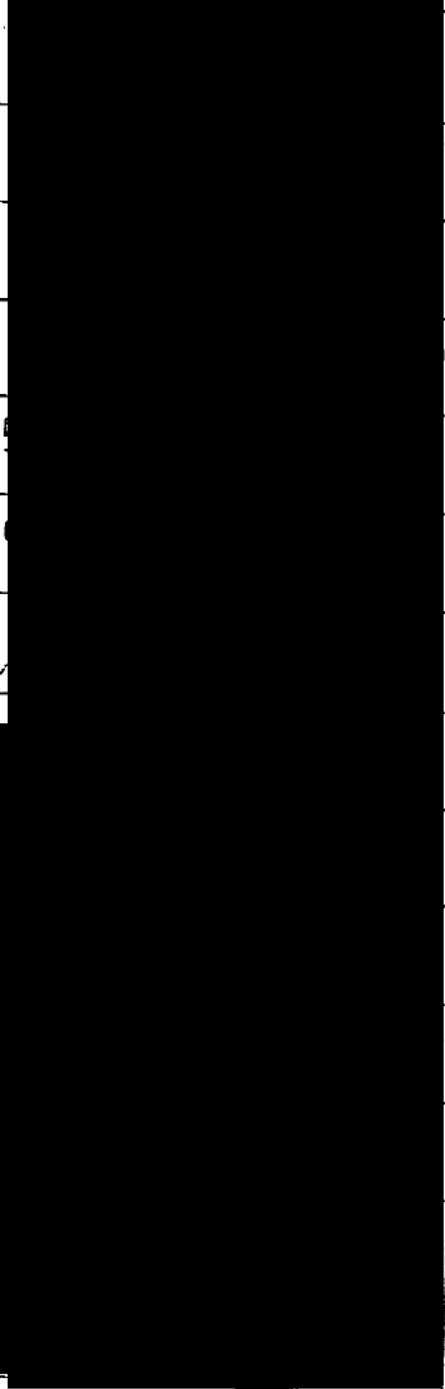
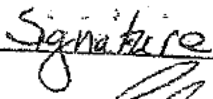
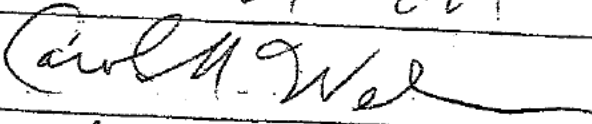
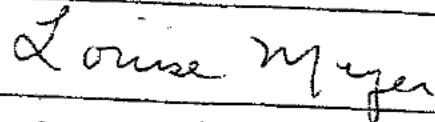
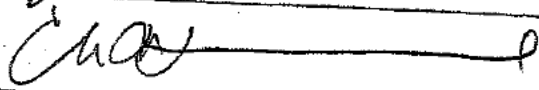
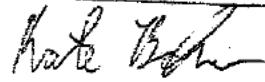
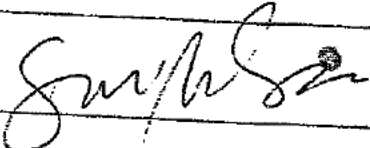
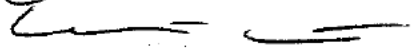
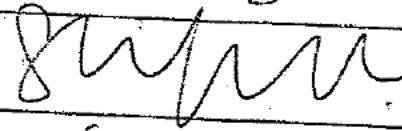
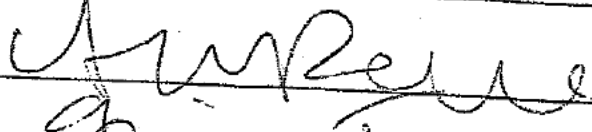
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Judith McGuire		Judith McGuire
James M. Higgins		James M. Higgins
Michael J. Guerra		Michael J. Guerra
Richard Dotson		Richard Dotson
JAY HOLLERAN		Jay Holleran
PEGGY HOFFMAN		Peggy Hoffman
David Bender		David R Bender
Sarah Binger		Sarah Binger
Mary Ellen Guerra		Mary Ellen Guerra
Angela Elkins		Angela Elkins
Maria Holleran Rivera		Maria E. Holleran Rivera
Adam Esser		Adam Esser
Molly Purcell		Molly Purcell

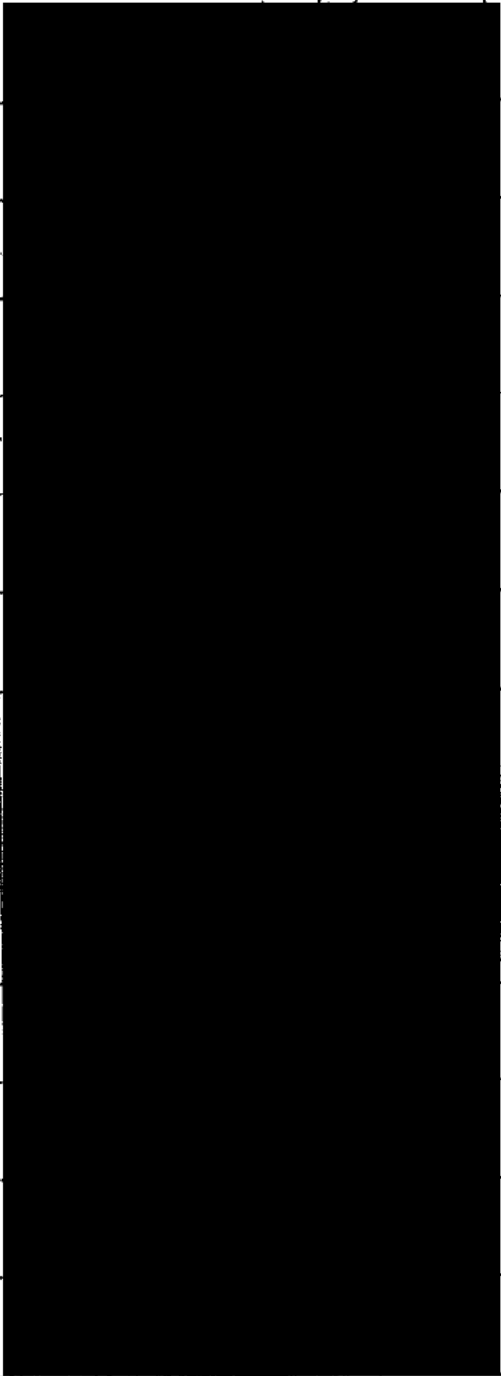
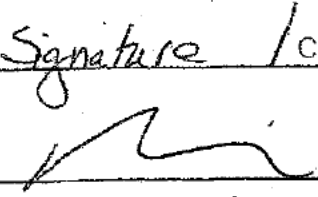
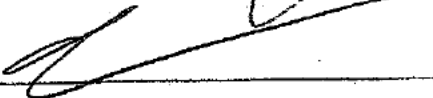
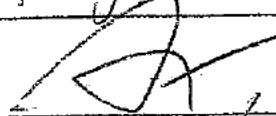
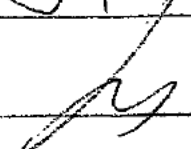
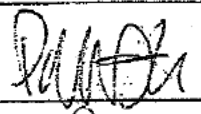
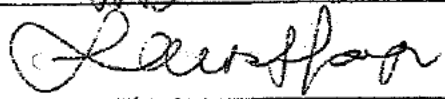
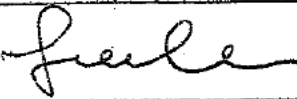
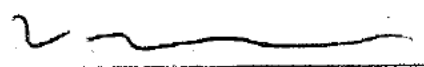
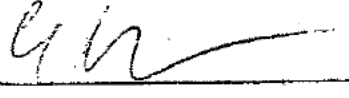
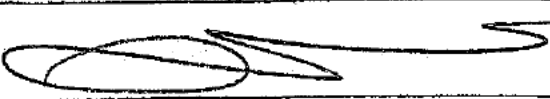
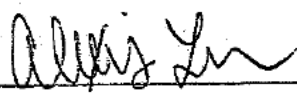
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ine Harris			2/28/26
y Hoffman		Greg M. Hoff	2/28/26
am Donk		Mark Donk	3-4-26
Hollerad		07/07/26 H. Hollerad (VIET NAM ERA VETERAN)	3/13/26
se & David arimak		Denise Barmak	3/21/26
Mark Bugin			3/28/26
Kot Gang			3/28/26
MARCIA KOOZE			3/28/26
Carroll Martin			3-28-26
J. Stewart			3/28/26

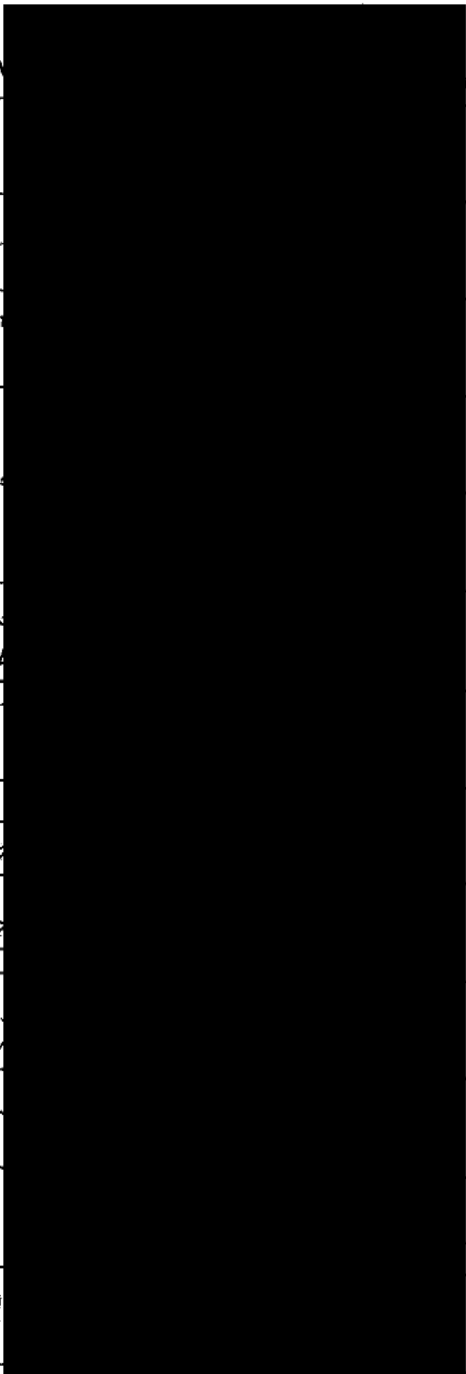
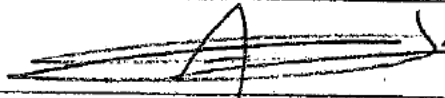
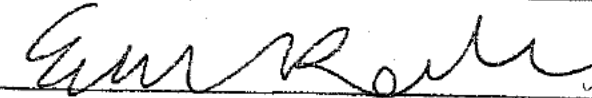
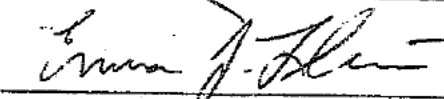
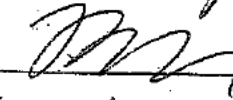
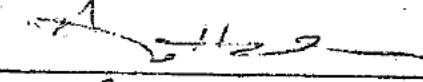
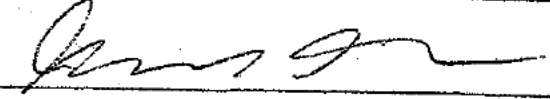
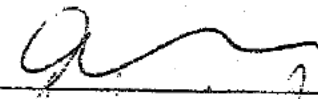
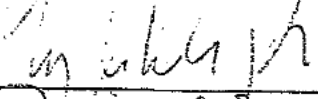
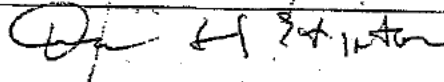
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CAROL WELU			3/14/26
LOUISE MEYER			
John Stewart			3/14/26
Chad Drummend			
Kate Bahn			3/14/26
Sarah Stanton			3/14/26
Chrissy Ostrowski			3/14/26
Nicolas			3/14/26
Stefanie Ostrawski			3/14/26
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J. Schweigman			3/14/26

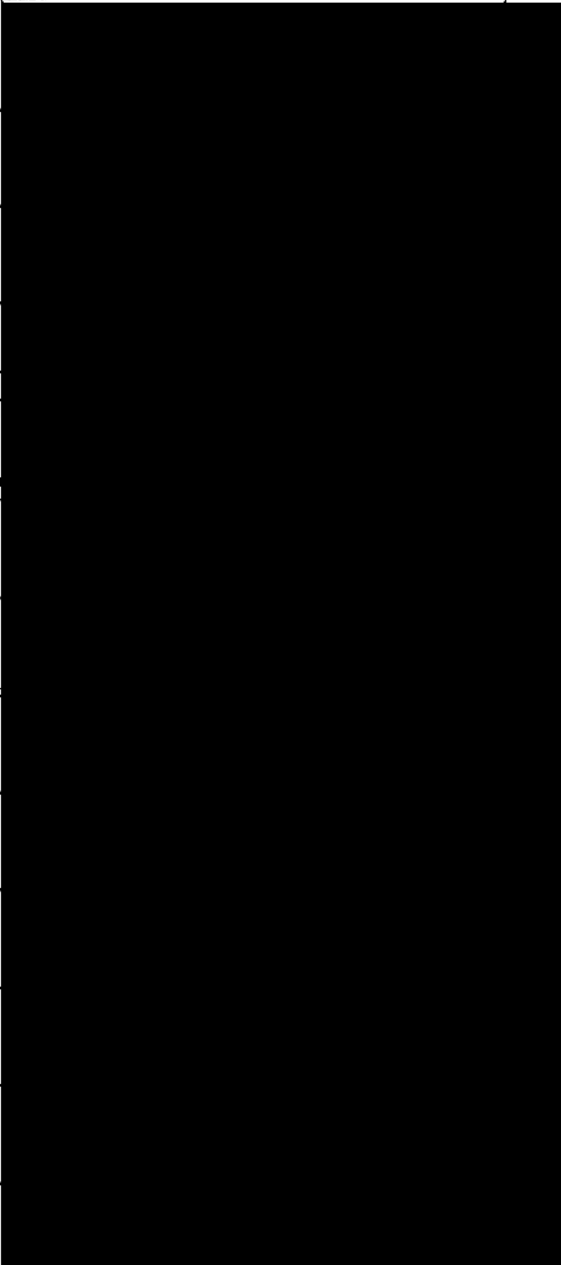
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Jack Even- markante			3/14/26
Greg Jaczko			3/14/26
Amy Battier		Amy Battier	3/14/26
Jamila Mead			3/14/26
Jon Belmar			3/14/26
WARREN Baise			3/14/26
Pat Scavlin			3/14/26
Lauren Howerton			3/14/26
LEON BRONAU			3/14/26
Vienna Wolff		 Thank you!	3/14/26
Elie Gray			3/14/26
Abigail			3/14/26
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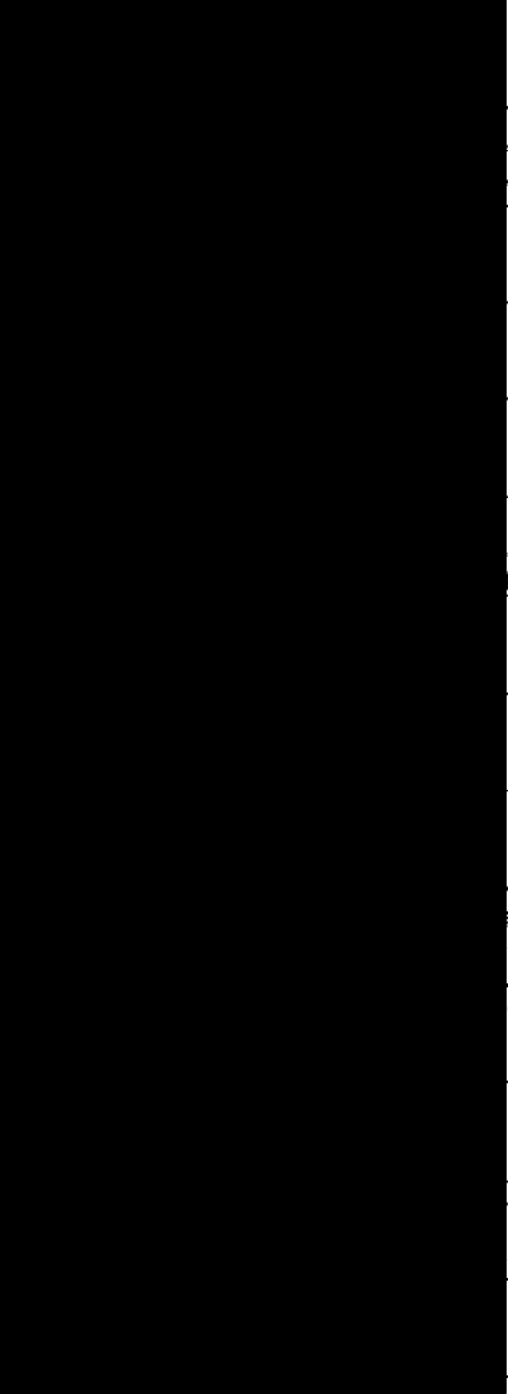
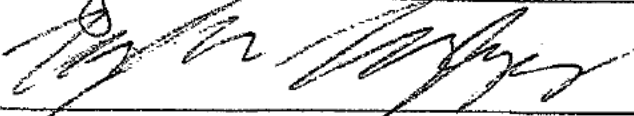
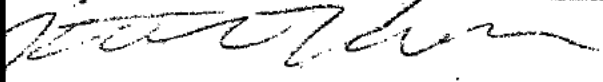
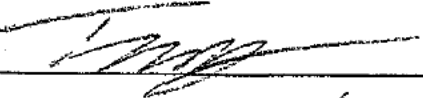
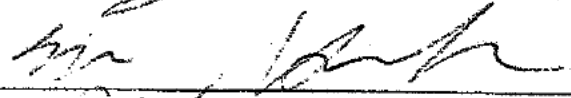
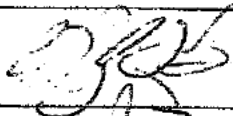
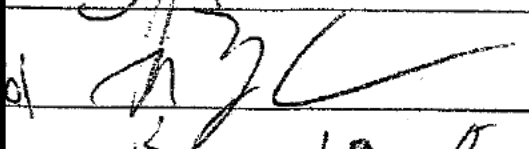
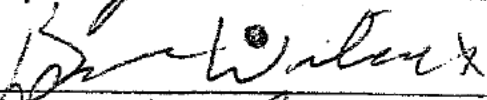
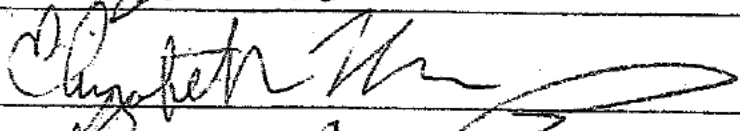
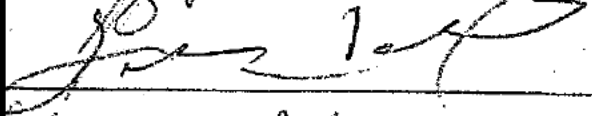
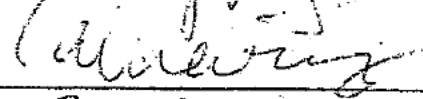
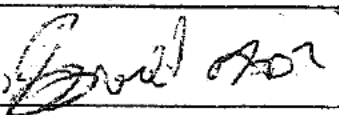
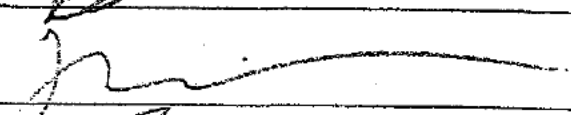
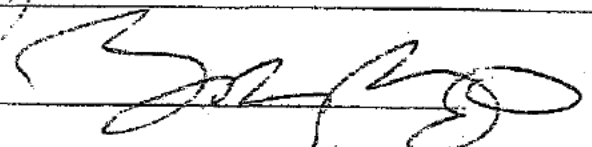
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William Emmet			The worst idea!		
SUSAN Fishbein					3/14/26
Robert Jones					3/14/26
Emma Rebour					3/14/26
Alicy Hill					3/14/26
Emma Llangor					14 March 26
Eston Marguis					14 March
John Hall					"
James Carmes					14 March
Emma Curkin					3/15/26
Les Roberts					15/3/26
gn Stirton					3/14/26

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Aurora Sheedy		<i>[Signature]</i>	3/14
Vonnie Simpson		<i>[Signature]</i>	
Robert Gilchrist		RC + Keep it up!	3/14
Kahe Sclarin		Kahlerhi	3/14
Suzanne Greenfield		Suzanne	
Anna Benjamin		Anna Benjamin	3/14/26
Alex Freedman			3/14/16
Adam Guerra		Adam Guerra LEG!	3/14/11
Jeff Hal		<i>[Signature]</i>	3.14.2
Susan Grant		Susan	3-14-26
BRUCE WINDWALL		FHM HONOR INDEPENDENCE	3-14
Erin Melody		<i>[Signature]</i>	3/14/12
Ava Agostinelli		<i>[Signature]</i>	3/14

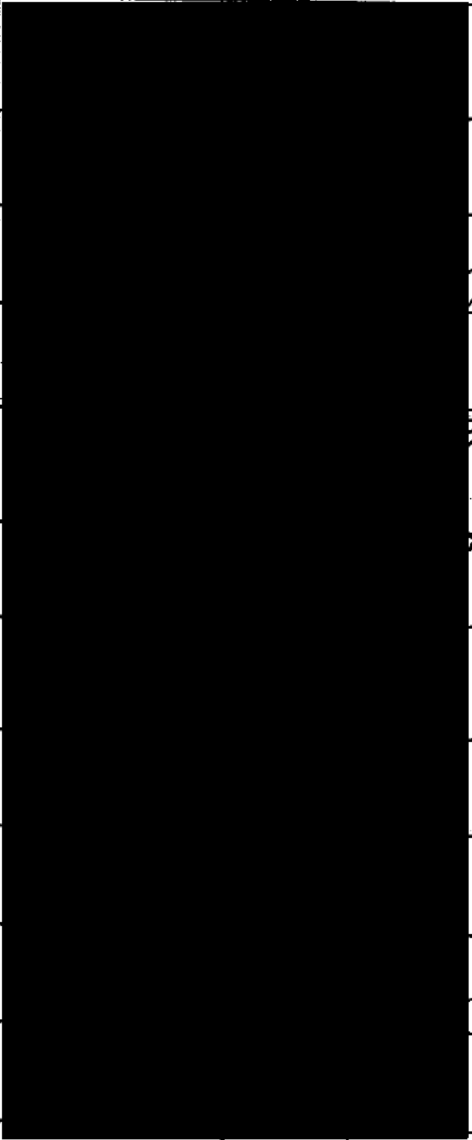
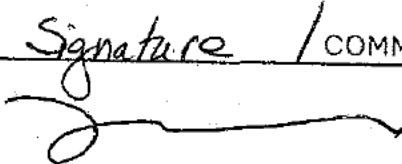
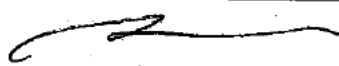
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Tara Seem			3/14
Sara Hunsberger			3/14
Craig Stethan			3/14
Zeck Colton			3/14
Breck Wilcox			3/14
Lizabeth McElcom			3/14
John Larachora			
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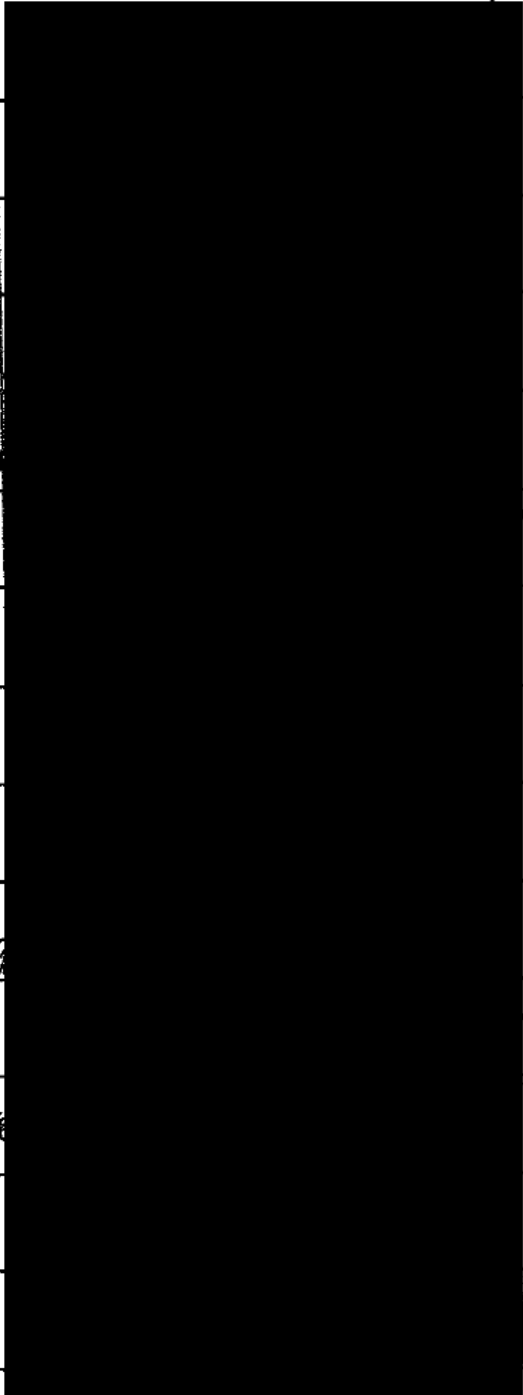
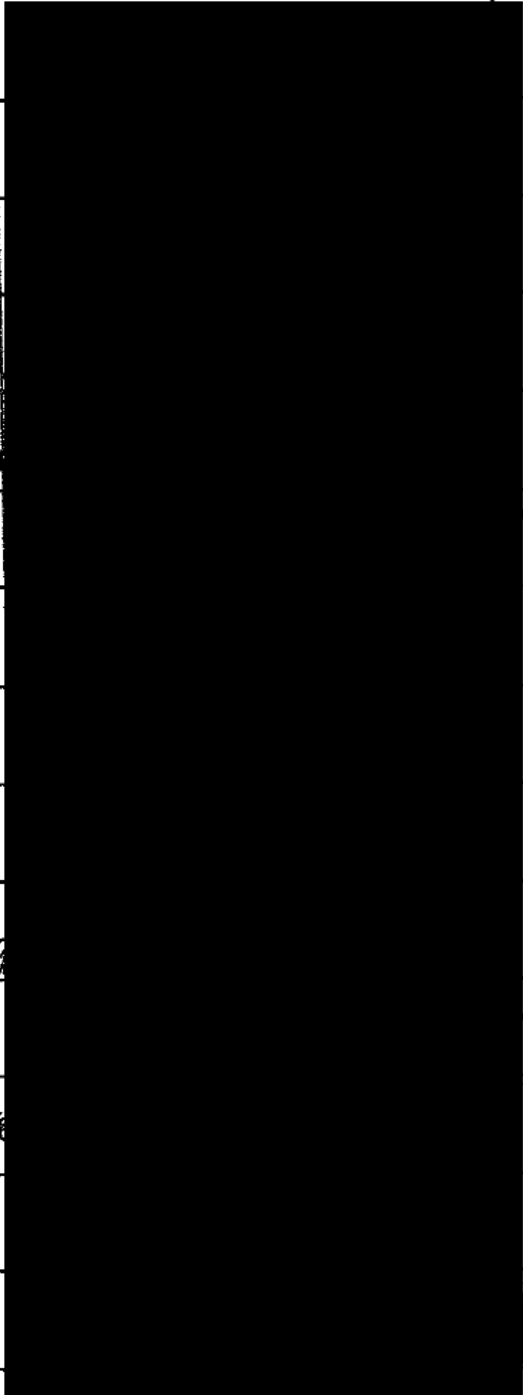
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thony F. Gal Frey			2/27/26
miel L Burghart		30 year Army Vet	2/27/26
Phyllis			2/27/26
Jim M. Ryan		daughter of MARSHIE	2/27/26
Thomas Leary		William Pennine & Co. Ltd.	2/27/26
Julie			2/27/26
Lynn H. E.			2/27/26
Cheryl			2/27/26
ing Gobbale		Not what I want money spent on, especially private donors.	2/28/26
skay Cornell			2/28/26
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HOLLERAN		W. Hall (VIETNAM ERA VETERAN)	3/13/26
ise & David Barimak		Denise Barimak	3/21/26
Mark Bugin			3/28/26
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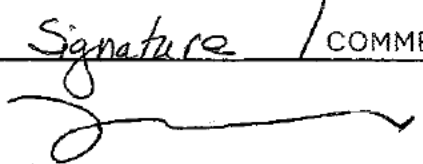
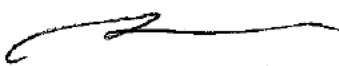
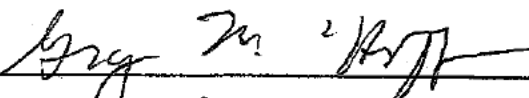
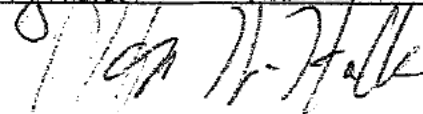
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chael J. Guerra		John Guerra	
Edward Dotson		Richard Dotson	2/24/26
y HOLLERAN		John Holleran	02/24/26
GY HOFFMAN		Peggy Hoffman	2/24/26
David Bender or Bender		David R Bender	2/24/26
ron Burger		Frank Burger	2/25/26
ry Ellen Guerra		Mary Ellen Guerra	2/25/26
igela Elkins		Abellin	02/25/26
ia Holleran River		Ann N.W. Maria E Holleran River	02/26/26
lam Esser		John	2/27/26
TH Purcell		Wolky Purcell	2/27/26

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James M. Higgins		James M Higgins	2/24/26
Michael J. Guerra		Michael J Guerra	
Richard Dotson		Richard Dotson	2/24/26
Jay HOLLERAN		Jay Holleran	02/24/26
PEGGY HOFFMAN		Peggy Hoffman	2/24/26
David Bender		David R Bender	2/24/26
Sarah Burger		Sarah Burger	2/25/26
Mary Ellen Guerra		Mary Ellen Guerra	2/25/26
Angela Elkins		Angela Elkins	02/25/26
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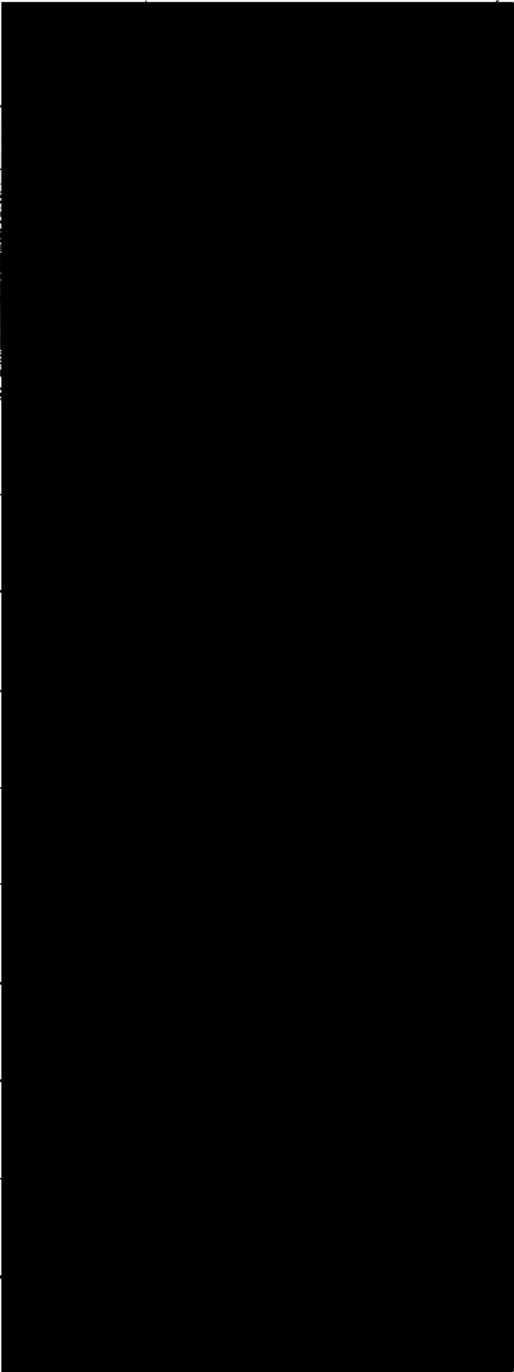
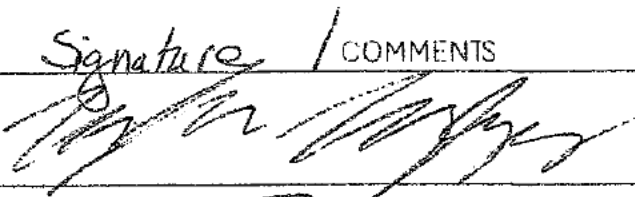
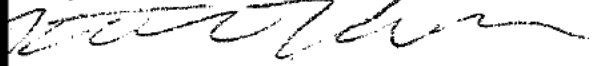
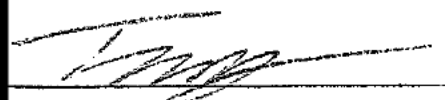
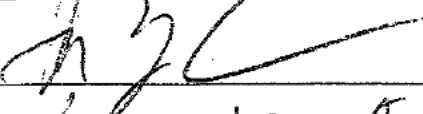
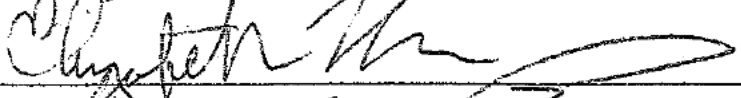
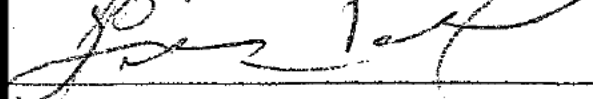
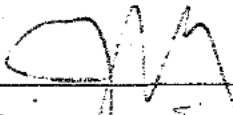
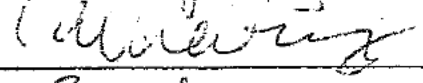
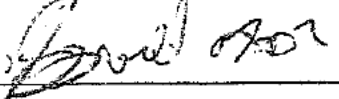
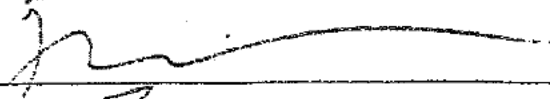
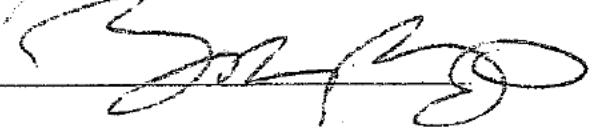
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Kat Garry			3/6/26
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John J. Feeney		an Vietnam War veteran	2/27/26
Anthony F. Galfray			2/27/26
Daniel L Burghart		30 year Army Vet	2/27/26
Shirley			2/27/26
Jim M. Reagin		com daughter of MARITIME	2/27/26
Thomas Leary		William Pennine & Co Ltd	2/27/26
N Lubie			2/27/26
High Fitz			2/27/26
Casey Goddard		Not what I want money spent on, especially private donors.	2/28/26
Wesley Cornell			2/28/26
Richard Price			2/28/26

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Kate Turner			3/14
Tara Beeny			3/14
Sara Hunsberger			3/14
Craig Stetham			3/14
Ezekiel Cotton			3/14
Breck Wilcox			3/14
Elizabeth McGillem			3/14
Vaughan Langshere			
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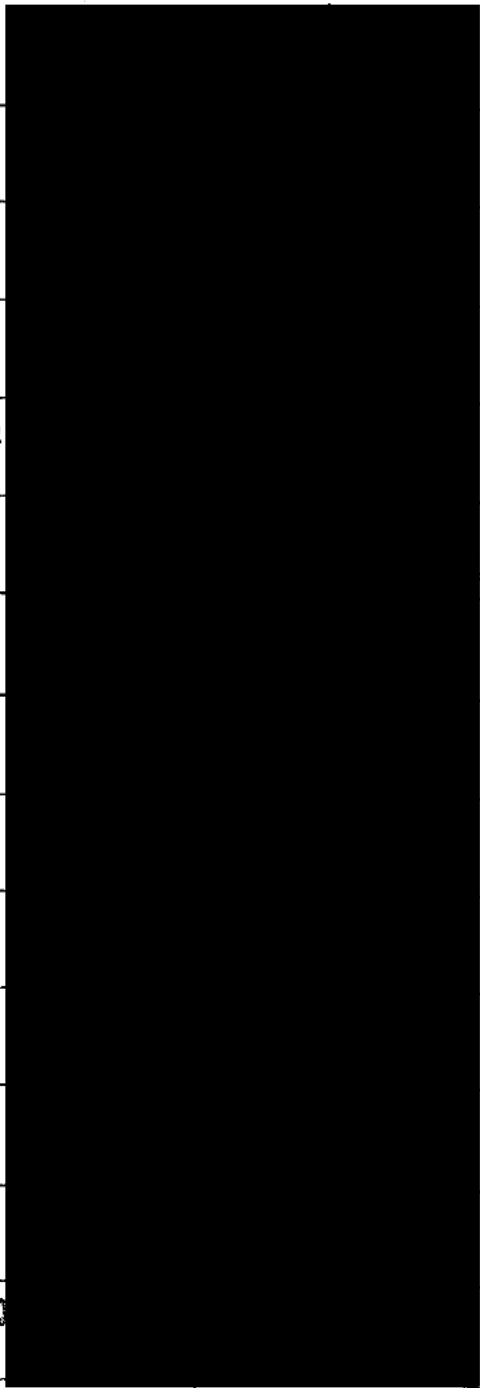
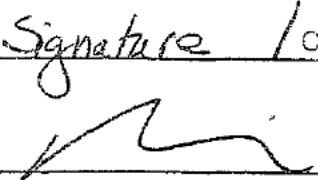
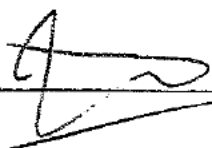
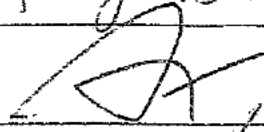
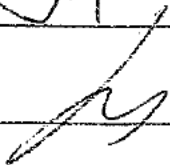
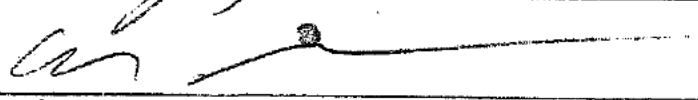
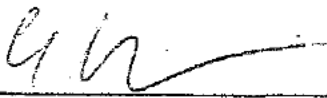
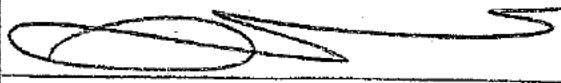
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Laura Sheedy		[Signature]	3/14
Cvonnha Simpson		[Signature]	
Robert Gilchrist		RC + Keep it up!	3/17
Katie Sclarini		Kahleehi	3/14
Jaime Greenhead		[Signature]	
Anna Benjamin		Anna Benjamin	3/14/26
Alex Freedman			3/14/16
Adam Guerra		[Signature] LEG!	3/14/11
Jeff Hal		[Signature]	3-14-21
Susan Grant		[Signature]	3-14-26
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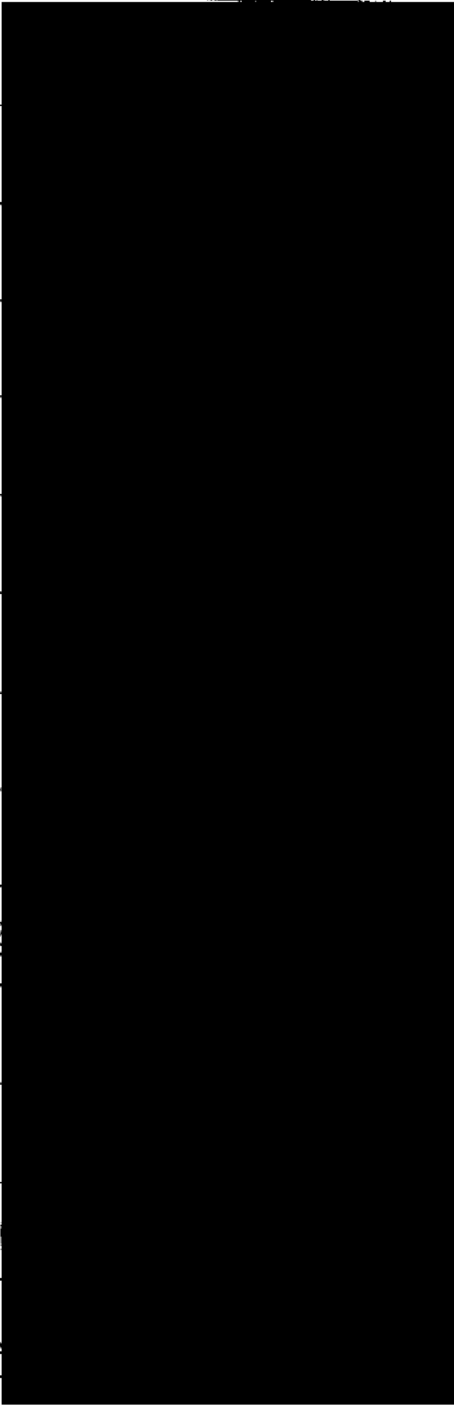
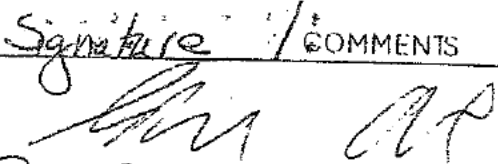
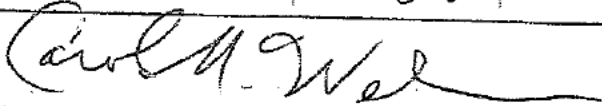
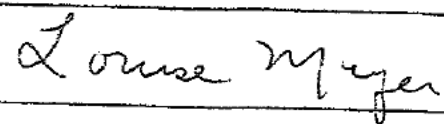
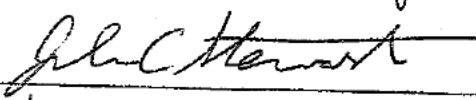
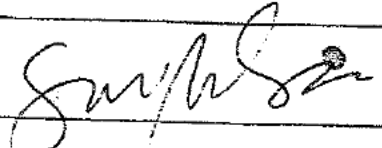
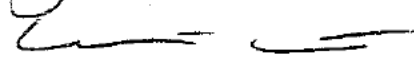
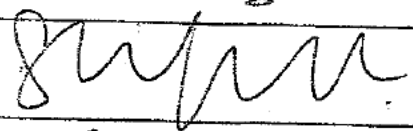
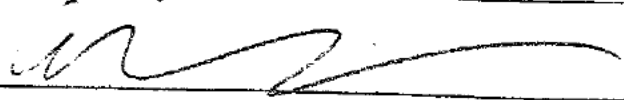
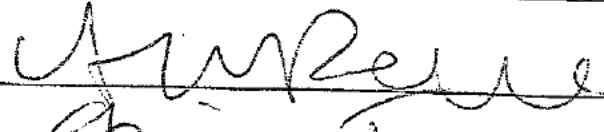
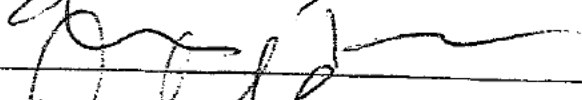
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William Emmet			The worst idea!		
SUSAN Fishbein					3/14/26
Robert Homer					3/14/26
Emma Rebour					3/14/26
Miley Allen					14 March 26
Emma Llangor					14 March
Preston Marguis					14 March
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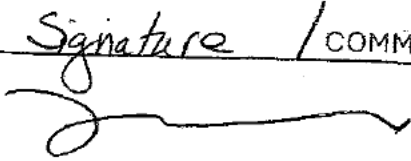
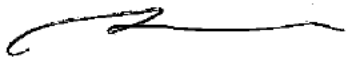
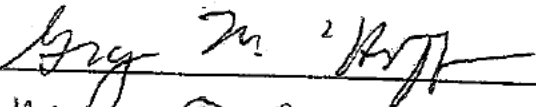
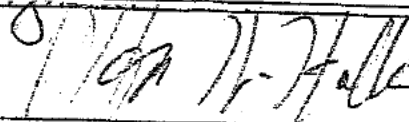
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Jack Eisen- Markante			3/14/26
Greg Jaczko			3/14/26
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Jamila Mos			3/14/26
Jon Belmar			3/14/26
WARREN Baise			3/14/26
Pat Scullen			3/14/26
Lauren Howerton		Lauren Howerton	3/14/26
LEON BRONAU		leone	3/14/26
Vienna Wolff		 Thank you!	3/14/26
Ellie Gray			3/14/26
Jabius			3/14/26
Alexis Levin		Alexis Levin	3/14/26

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CAROL WELU			
LOUISE MEYER			3/14/26
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Chad Drummend			3/14/26
Kate Bahn			3/14/26
Sarah Stanton			3/14/26
Chrissy Ostrowski			3/14/26
Nicole By			3/14/26
Stefanie Ostrowski			3/14/26
Carolina Buttriss			3/14/26
Ashley Renner			3/14/26
Alina Taylor			3/14/26
David J. Schweigman			3/14/26

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Denise & David Barimak			3/21/20
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JAY HOLLERAN		Jay Holleran	02/24/24
PEGGY HOFFMAN		Peggy Hoffman	2/24/24
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Angela Elkins		Angela Elkins	02/25/24
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Adam Esser		Adam Esser	2/27/24
Molly Purcell		Molly Purcell	2/27/24