Dear Mr. President:

The National Committee for the Korean War Memorial was incorporated as a nonprofit, charitable organization under the Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, on November 30th, 1981 in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the Committee's efforts is to erect an appropriate and compelling memorial for the veterans of the Korean War with funds raised through private contribution.

The Korean War represents one of the few moments in history when a group of allied nations banded together to defend against armed aggression. In a unique way, it is a living demonstration of the ties that bind America, Korea and 20 allied nations to this day - ties cemented in blood and sacrifice made more than 30 years ago and which have continued ever since, yet as real and enduring today as they ever were from the Naktong to Yalu on the Korean peninsula.

Allied unity has altered, the enemy has changed, the world has moved on. Reflecting on those haunting memories, one is reminded of what we all share in common values that temporary exasperations and differences do not obscure or diminish.

The Committee, therefore, proposes to take all necessary steps to provide an artistic design - landscape, sculpture and architecture - harmonious with its site and with surroundings that will be compatible with other memorials in the Washington monumental core.

It will be a tribute to honor and commemorate the veterans of the Korean War, and it will symbolize the pride and dignity of all veterans who served there. It will also be representative of the spirit of Americans who believe this country must continue to be the foremost bastion against the suppression of freedom, democracy and liberty.
Legislation has been introduced in both the House (H.J.Res.523) and Senate (S.J.Res.220) dedicating an appropriate site for the memorial in Washington, D.C.

We need your support, Mr. President, in the form of a public statement endorsing our cause and so, we believe, expedite the passing of the bill before the end of the 97th Congress.

Respectfully yours,

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