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Honorable Keith Eastin
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Washington, D.C. 20310-0110

Dear Secretary Eastin:

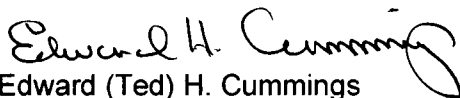
Attached is the Impact Study prepared for the Concerned MWR Patron's. The study assesses the operational, economic, social, and political impact of the Army decision to locate the National Museum of the United States Army (NMUSA) on a portion of the Fort Belvoir North-36 Golf Course.

In your February 20th letter, you mentioned that the FMWRC staff was looking at the profitability of a 27-hole course and considering options to rebuild holes elsewhere to maintain a 36-hole configuration. Although we may not have had access to the same data as used by the FMWRC staff, we assume that their conclusion will be similar—that the NMUSA and a 36-hole championship configuration can both be accommodated. Funding (approximately 2% of the cost of the NMUSA) could be provided either by the NMUSA fundraising or from Nonappropriated Funds.

Concerned MWR Patrons desires to work with the Army. We believe that the Secretary of the Army was given bad advice that 27 holes were adequate. In 2000 when we still had 45 holes, the Fort Belvoir MWR contracted with the PGA to recommend means to relieve overcrowding on weekends by constructing an additional 18 holes. We would advise that the decision to reduce Fort Belvoir Golf Facilities by 40% (45 holes to 27 holes) in 3 years and weekend tee times by 53% (512 to 240) will not be well received by the military population. Our veterans want to support the NMUSA; however, without restitution this will be a difficult decision for many.

We recognize that the ultimate decision rests at the Secretary of the Army level. We would hope that an early decision would be announced that any holes taken by the siting of the NMUSA would be replaced. Including the replacement holes in the Environmental Assessment for the NMUSA would minimize the impact on the MWR golf facility. This announcement would help deter the adverse publicity that would probably be created without restitution.

Very Respectfully,



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