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Ms. Ruth Fitzgerald

Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Dear Ms. Fitzgerald:

Thank you for contacting me to express your views on the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Washington, D.C.

On your behalf, I contacted the Department of Veterans' Affairs and was informed that any changes or additions to the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial must be approved by several agencies including the Capitol Parks Service Planning Commission and the Commission on Fine Arts. Any suggestions for additions to the Memorial should be directed to: National Parks Service Public Affairs, Room 107, 1100 Ohio Drive SW, Washington D.C., 20242. Because the Memorial was constructed with private funds and later donated to the National Parks Service, it is doubtful that taxpayer money will be appropriated for further addition to the Memorial.

I recognize the extraordinary sacrifices and contributions that veterans and their dependents have made in the service of our country. I believe that all Americans must remain mindful of the great debt of gratitude we owe them. Please be assured that I will continue to work to ensure that they are remembered and recognized for their sacrifices in the most appropriate and reverent manner possible.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Herb H. Bateman".

Herbert H. Bateman
Member of Congress

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