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Mr. Rocco C. Siciliano
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Congress approved the Dwight D. Eisenhower National Memorial in 1999 with the passage of Public Law 106-79. Fifteen years have passed since the ink dried on the law authorizing the Eisenhower Memorial. Still, construction has not started.

As members of this Commission are well aware, National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) staff expressed some concerns about the design concept at our April meeting. Just as important as the NCPC concerns are the reservations expressed by those who knew President Eisenhower. These stakeholders articulated opposition to specific segments of the design. The overall cost is quickly becoming one of the primary concerns about the project, resulting in Congress' decision not to appropriate additional funding. All the project's stakeholders recognize the importance of creating an enduring memorial that honors President Eisenhower's legacy, but these controversies have clouded the decision-making process and prevented the project from moving forward.

To that end, and assuming all technical concerns raised by the NCPC staff have been addressed, I would suggest that this Commission presents the NCPC with two options: first, the modified Gehry design, illustrating the removal of the side tapestries with fewer side columns; and second, the core of the Gehry design without any tapestries or columns. I believe giving NCPC the opportunity to review these two concepts on October 2, 2014, may allow for a decision to be made in order for construction of the Eisenhower memorial to finally begin.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter. Please contact the Committee staff at (202) 225-5074 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Darrell Issa
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Minority Member