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To Whom it may Concern:

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is pleased to endorse and support the Veterans Memorial of Detroit, Inc. (VMoD), for the establishment of an all-veteran's recognition project for our Detroit area service men and women of all US wars and conflicts. Detroit has been an integral part of preserving and defending the fundamental freedoms and beliefs that have made this country great.

Long known as the "Arsenal of Democracy," and providing troops and military support through numerous wars and conflicts, the veterans of Detroit and surrounding communities have been crucial to advancing the cause of freedom. We currently have an opportunity to honor those heroic servants. With the exciting rebirth of the city, it is time to incorporate the acknowledgement of these great Americans into our redevelopment. The VMoD has made tremendous strides to make this goal a reality. The Southeastern Michigan Chapter stands by this effort and lends its full support to achieving this mission.

The terms: "Veterans Memorial at Cass Park," "Freedom is Not Free," "Veterans Pathway," "Avenue/Arsenal of Democracy," and "Freedom Bridge" referred to in these efforts have more significance than ever before. Therefore, we encourage all patriotic Americans to join us in supporting this long overdue project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Roy L. Yapple".

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