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Cecil Field POW/MIA Memorial, Inc.  
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Dear Board Members:

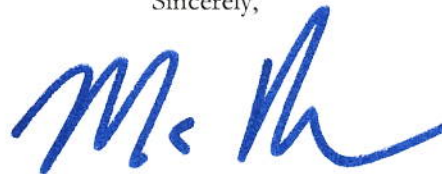
According to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, there are currently more than 83,000 Americans listed as missing and unaccounted for from our nation's wars, going back to World War II. These men and women gave everything for our country, and I have the utmost respect for their service and sacrifice. For this reason, I am offering my support for your organization's mission to preserve the Cecil Field Prisoners of War and Missing in Action Memorial and honor the POW/MIA pilots and service members lost in the Vietnam and Desert Storm conflicts.

The proposal to build the Cecil Field Prisoners of War and Missing in Action Museum is a great opportunity to honor the service members who did not return home from war. Displays of the 16 POW/MIA pilots will be a wonderful tribute to these exceptional individuals and their families. Interactive, educational exhibits and programs will help remind our fellow Americans of the price of freedom.

As you know, Florida is home to more than 1.5 million veterans, and completing this project will strengthen the ties between our veterans and communities, and truly honor the great sacrifice that POW/MIA service members have made. With Northeast Florida being home to over 150,000 veterans, Jacksonville is a perfect location for this memorial and museum.

I wish you and your organization nothing but the best for this project, and I appreciate all that you do for the state of Florida.

Sincerely,



Marco Rubio  
U.S. Senator