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Honorable Timothy Bishop
U.S. House of Representatives
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On October 1, 2007, you introduced H.R. 3707, a bill to authorize the establishment of a memorial to all victims of terrorism.

The National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission (Commission) reviewed this proposal at its meeting held on February 26, 2008. I thank you for your testimony at this meeting. The Commission was established under the Commemorative Works Act of 1986 (40 USC 89, et. seq), and is required to advise the Secretary of the Interior and the Administrator of the General Services Administration on the establishment of commemorative works in the District of Columbia and its environs, and other matters concerning commemorative works in the Nation's Capital as it may deem appropriate. In addition, Section 8903(d) of that Act states that the Congress shall solicit the views of the Commission in considering legislation authorizing commemorative works within the District of Columbia and its environs.

The Commission was in unanimous agreement that it is premature to select and locate a general memorial to victims of terrorism. The Commission, further, found that as compelling and impressive proposal as is made by H.R. 3707 and "Dark Elegy," it, at this time, is specific to the Pan Am 103 tragedy and should be treated as such.

The Commission would be pleased to answer any questions or to provide further information if you so desire. I and my staff are available to assist you and can be reached at (202) 619-7097.

Sincerely,

Peter May
Chairman, National Capital Memorial Commission

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