

Syracuse Alumni and Friends

Update on Dark Elegy

Action to be recognized in the form of a public hearing...



Dark Elegy

Remembering the Moment: Terrorism's Legacy

As you may recall from previous correspondence late last year, supporters of a very moving piece of sculpture depicting figures of woman mourning the loss of loved ones and ultimately represents victims of terrorism everywhere, have pushed for the sculpture (collectively named Dark Elegy) to be placed on government land to serve as a public memorial to victims of terrorism all over the world.

Please see <http://www.darkelegy103.com/>

As a result of concerted efforts on and off the Hill, Congressman Tim Bishop (NY-1) has introduced legislation on behalf of Dark Elegy. This legislation would grant Dark Elegy the designation it needs from the government to be placed on government land and serve as a public

memorial to victims of terrorism, everywhere.

Now, a public hearing has been scheduled for this legislation (HR 3707) in order for those close to Dark Elegy and victims of terrorism to provide oral testimony, written testimony or public support in the form of presence in front of the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission (NCMAC). This is necessary because the Commission will be voting on their support or opposition to the legislation. We need for them to have favorable testimony in hand so we can advance the legislation further and take another step closer to recognizing the goal of making Dark Elegy a public memorial in Washington DC.

If you would like to provide testimony and or be a speaker at the hearing, scheduled for **Tuesday, February 26 at 1:30pm** , we are looking for you! We are looking for statements from those impacted by not only Pan Am 103 but also by other terrorist attacks.

The deadlines are as follows: Friday, February 22 (to get it distributed to Commission members at the public hearing) or by March 7 th (last day to submit public testimony following the public hearing).

If you are interested in submitting written testimony, please forward your testimony to:

Nancy R. Young Legislative Coordinator, National Capital Region National Park Service Phone: 202/619-7097 Fax: 202/619-7420

Please also forward your written statement to Nancy by e-mail as well to Nancy_Young@nps.gov

If you are interested in attending the hearing and/or speaking at the hearing, you should also contact Nancy as well, so that your name appears correctly in the record, but it is not necessary to sign up in advance in order to speak before the Commission. There will be also be a sign-up sheet at the meeting, but people who have registered in

advance will be recognized first.

The hearing will take place at:

**National Building Museum , Room 312, 401
F Streets, NW., Washington, DC.**

Please consider providing written testimony. We do apologize for the short notice, but Congressman Bishop just received notice of the hearing and we are making the notice available to you as soon as we found out.

Many Regards,

Jessica Kershaw and Kathryn Vomero
Remembrance Scholars '07