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Victor Biggs, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Biggs:

On behalf of the Reserve Officers Association, I want to extend to the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation our support in your efforts to construct the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial in Washington, D.C.

American service men and women face daily threats of hostile action in Afghanistan, Iraq, and in the war of terrorism around the world, and some are coming home severely wounded. Throughout history, disabled veterans have returned home in anonymity without recognition or acknowledgement for their service or sacrifice. Sadly, their sacrifices are not fully known or appreciated among the American people. These circumstances demonstrate the need for a permanent memorial in a prominent location in our nation's capital to remind the American people of the sacrifices made by disabled veterans.

The American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial will have far reaching impact on millions of Americans and will inform future generations about the true meaning of character, dedication and patriotism. From its location within full view of the United States Capitol, it will be a constant reminder to our lawmakers, not only of the human cost of war, but of the lifelong debt that we owe our disabled veterans.

The 65,000 members of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, chartered by Congress, support the establishment of the memorial to ensure that our nation honors our disabled veterans, those individuals who have given so much to preserve our way of life.

My contact is David Small, at (202) 646-7719 or dsmall@roa.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David R. Bockel", written over a large, stylized loop.

David R. Bockel
Major General, USA (Ret.)
Acting Executive Director

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