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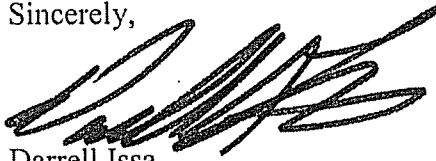
Dear Mr. Chairman:

Our Nation's capital is home to dozens of monuments, memorials, and other symbols of remembrance where countless Americans and overseas visitors come to reflect on the past and look toward a brighter future. These structures have a profound impact, and their importance cannot be overstated. It is my understanding that the April 5, 2012, NCPC meeting agenda may include a scheduled vote on approval of the Gehry design for the Eisenhower Memorial.

It has come to my attention, however, that there are serious concerns with the current design, including objections voiced by Eisenhower family members. While this is not the first memorial to receive criticism from the relatives of the individual(s) honored, I believe my fellow Americans would agree with me that it is important for the views of relatives to receive serious consideration as this public-private partnership to honor the legacy of President Eisenhower moves forward. I therefore write in my capacity as an ex officio member of the Commission and respectfully request postponement for a period of at least 120 days of any vote concerning the "Gehry" design as proposed by the Eisenhower Memorial Commission. This would allow NCPC Commissioners more time to better understand the complexities of an issue that, up until now, were hidden from public view.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact James Robertson at (202) 225-5074.

Sincerely,



Darrell Issa
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cc: Members of the National Capital Planning Commission