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The Honorable Harold Rogers  
Chairman  
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U.S. House  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nita Lowey  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House  
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Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Lowey:

As we move through the appropriations process, I am writing to ask your insistence that the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission's (the Commission) Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16) funding levels are consistent with the language in the FY16 Interior and Environment Appropriations bill approved by your Committee on June 16, 2015.

Though the Commission was established to erect a National Memorial to honor the former President and five-star general, its approach has been deeply flawed and highly contentious. The Commission's complete disregard of critics to the design, among them Eisenhower's own family, raises serious concerns about the process. Almost 16 years since its inception, the Commission has managed to spend millions in taxpayer dollars all while creating more disagreement than consensus.

While I strongly support the completion of a memorial to President Eisenhower, I believe the current design should be scrapped and the process should start anew. Stripping funding for the salaries and expenses of Commission members will send a strong message that Congress expects a reset that calls for the selection and approval of a new design. Again, I appreciate the Committee's action in regards to the Commission and request that any future agreement preserve the relevant language.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.", written over a large, stylized blue circular mark.

F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.  
Member of Congress