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Mr. Alan J. Weiss
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Dear Mr. Weiss:

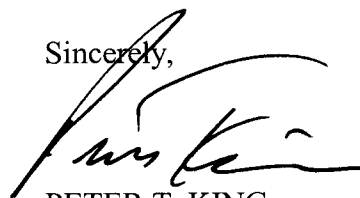
I am pleased to offer my support to the Marine Corps Helicopter Squadron 361 Veterans Association in your effort to restore a Marine Corps Sikorsky UH-34D helicopter as part of an educational and living history exhibit. This wonderful project will benefit not only the hundreds of thousands of Long Island veterans who served their country but serve to educate the public and remind us of the men and women who never returned home.

The UH-34D helicopter played an essential role during the 1950's and 1960's serving various military functions as well as retrieve astronauts on their return from space. The advantages will be two-fold as this newly restored helicopter will be utilized as a flight ready vehicle in addition to a museum piece.

Americans, like myself, appreciate the commitment and selfless dedication that the men and women of our armed forces make to defend our nation. That is why I am so proud of you and the many other citizens who have chosen to serve in our nation's military to protect freedom here at home and abroad.

Once again I offer my full support for your endeavor to restore the Marine Corps Sikorsky UH-34D helicopter.

Sincerely,



PETER T. KING
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