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The Honorable [Legislator's Full Name]
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Dear [Representative/Senator] [Last Name]:

I write to you today as a concerned citizen and proud supporter of our military heritage to strongly oppose the proposed closure of the 82d Airborne Division War Memorial Museum located at 5108 Ardennes Street, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

This museum is not merely a building of exhibits. It is a vital institution preserving the legacy, valor, and sacrifice of the "All American" Division. Established in 1957, the 82d Airborne Division War Memorial Museum is the second-oldest United States Army museum in the country. It serves as a powerful educational resource for soldiers, families, veterans, students, and more than 50,000 annual visitors. The museum chronicles the Division's proud history from its founding in 1917 through its pivotal roles in World War I, World War II, Vietnam, Grenada, the Gulf War, and continuing to present day service.

In addition to its historical and educational value, the museum generates significant economic impact for the region. With over 40,000 visitors annually, the museum contributes more than \$40 million in direct and indirect visitor spending to the local and state economy. Hotels, restaurants, retail shops, and transportation services all benefit from the tourism the museum drives. Its closure would not only be a cultural loss but also a serious economic setback for the surrounding communities and the state of North Carolina.

The museum holds deep emotional value. It is home to granite memorials honoring every paratrooper who has given their life in service, and it hosts annual ceremonies during All American Week to recognize these fallen heroes. It also serves as a required educational stop for members of the Division, helping instill the unit's legacy in every new generation of soldiers.

The 82d Airborne Division Historical Society, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has funded and supported the museum for decades, including covering the full cost of the current museum building. Its continued operation is a testament to community investment, patriotic pride, and military education.

I respectfully urge you to oppose any efforts to close this irreplaceable institution. Please stand with the paratroopers, veterans, and families who rely on the museum to honor the past and preserve the future.

Thank you for your service and your support.

[Your Name]

[Your Title or Affiliation]

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Below is a list of recommended legislators that could be supportive of the effort to ensure the 82d Airborne Division War Memorial Museum. Feel free to edit the attached letter to fit your style and message but most importantly, send them a letter asking for their support. Legislators count letters and emails regarding specific issues and based on the volume they receive, will become more invested in the outcome. If you or someone you know has the opportunity to reach other federal legislators, please encourage them to do so as well.

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Thank you,

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