

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C. 20515**

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President and Chief Executive Officer  
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1 Aviation Circle  
Washington, DC 20001

William E. Sudow  
Chairperson, Board of Directors  
Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority  
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Dear Mr. Potter and Chairperson Sudow:

We write to you concerning recent leadership decisions made at the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (KDCA) that negatively impacts veterans visiting our nation's capital to visit the memorials and monuments erected in their honor.

We were made aware that prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, volunteers from Veterans Service Organizations (VSO) that fly veterans to KDCA as part of "Honor Flights" and honor them for their military service on the National Mall had fee-free parking access, as they ensure arriving veterans were safely guided to and from the airport.

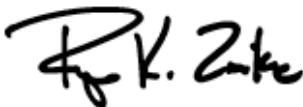
However, the fee-free parking access has since been removed, placing a financial burden on these selfless volunteers and the non-profit VSOs serving these veterans. Having these volunteers, who are familiar with both the airport operations and geography is vital to safety and wellbeing of all arriving/departing veterans being honored, as timing is critical to ensure the veterans visit the memorials and monuments prior to returning to KDCA to fly home. Not to mention, it's the absolute least we can do as a Grateful Nation.

Given these circumstances, we request that you inform us within 10 days of this letter:

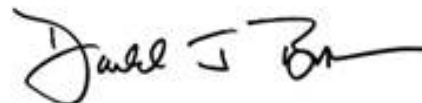
1. Why were free parking spots taken away from Veteran Service Organization volunteers?
2. From whom did the decision come?
3. Are there plans to re-implement free parking spots for volunteers for Honor Flights? If yes, when? If not, why not?

It goes without saying that the decision to remove fee-free parking for the small group of VSO volunteers chaperoning Honor Flights is distressing, mind boggling, and frankly un-American. We are requesting your response within 10 days of this letter so any corrective actions may be included in the upcoming markup of the Appropriations Committee's Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies FY2024 funding bill.

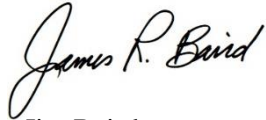
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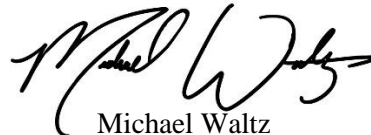
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