

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 17, 2008

The Honorable Donald Winter
Secretary of the Navy
Department of Defense
1000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20350

Dear Secretary Winter,

We write once again about the fate of historic Hangar One at former Moffett Field Naval Air Station (NAS) in California. Recall we contacted you in June 2006 with our deep concerns about the preservation of this treasured landmark (copy enclosed).

We applaud the Navy's decision not to demolish this national treasure. However, we agree with the *Palo Alto Weekly Editorial: Navy's Half Step on Hangar One* dated August 6, 2008, "...the idea of leaving a skeletal remain is both repulsive and non-responsive to the intent of laws and regulations covering base closures."

Our position on behalf of our mutual Bay Area constituents is as follows:

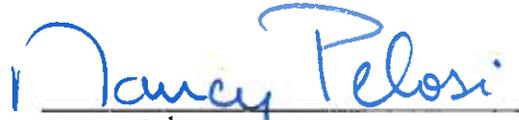
- ✓ The Navy is responsible for the remediation of environmental hazards. The health and well-being of our citizens must always be our priority.
- ✓ The Navy should cooperate with NASA to ensure that remediation and restoration are efficiently achieved. This includes providing a schedule for the Navy's work. Enclosed is a copy of Center Director Pete Worden's excellent column underscoring NASA's willingness to work with the Navy dated September 10, 2008 in *the Palo Alto Daily News* entitled, "NASA Aims to Restore Hangar One's Legacy."
- ✓ Our constituents have overwhelmingly supported a re-skinning of Hangar One during the public comment period, and it is critical that we do everything possible to see that Hangar One is restored so that it remains an icon in the Bay Area. Citizens and community leaders alike have come together to support a re-skinning and remediation process that allows for a new covering for Hangar One.
- ✓ The Hangar has proven to be tremendously versatile in use and we believe it will be again once cleaned and restored. It has been used by the Army and Navy since it was first built in 1932 and was the site of open houses, air shows, and the home of Moffett Field Historical Museum before it was closed. The Hangar is located within the NASA Ames Research Center which has recently begun several exciting public-private partnerships with organizations such as Google and the University of California, Santa Cruz. The potential uses in keeping with NASA Ames mission for Hangar One are extensive, but can only be realized if the Hangar is fully restored.

We thank you for your attention to this critical matter and we look forward to celebrating the rebirth of this one of a kind historic treasure.

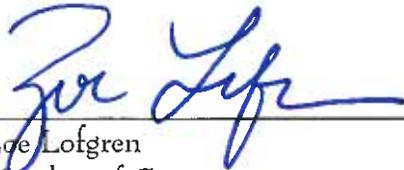
Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House



Zoe Lofgren
Member of Congress



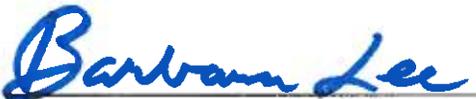
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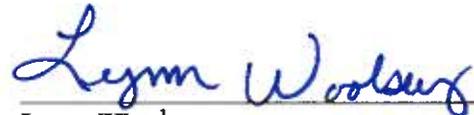
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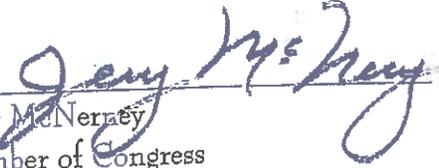


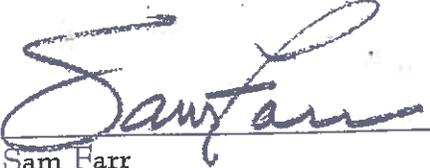
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Enclosures

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