

Testimony

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Senate Interim Committee on Veterans

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The proposed memorial that is proposed on SB 1542 will be an important acknowledgement of the sacrifice to all veterans, their families and the citizens of Oregon. It shall be a place of healing and reconciliation for those still feeling the residual effects of this war. It can be a place of congregation and fellowship while remembering the suffering of the people of this state. While we cannot remember every group that has suffered during this conflict, a few of the groups in the selection process are Gold Star Families, Purple Heart Assn, POW/MIA and many others.

The preliminary design has a physical and emotional tie-in to the adjacent World War II Memorial with a significant effort to save the important trees and shrubs existing on the site. All of the military personnel Killed in Action during this war will be listed on monument. The goal of this organization is to give emphasis to the informational and therapeutic aspect for the citizens visiting the Oregon State Capital.

Thank you for your consideration;

Steve Wiley