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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to support the Town of Saratoga's plan to create the "Never Forget Park." For the past two years, volunteers have been working to complete this park which stands to be a memorial for veterans from Saratoga. When the park is finished, it will serve as a fitting memorial to local veterans and as a premier site for those in the community of Saratoga and the surrounding areas to visit.

In 2008, local resident Army SSgt. Tyler Pickett was killed in action in Iraq. This tragedy spurred residents in the Town of Saratoga to come together and plan a park dedicated in honor of not only SSgt. Pickett, but for all of those who have served our country to protect and uphold our freedoms.

The "Never Forget Park" plans include a memorial sculpture and an open-air pavilion adorned with plantings of lush native species for shade. It anticipates being ADA compliant with benches and handicap accessible restrooms, as well as light posts along paths to make the site attractive and functional after dark. The plan includes flagpoles installed to honor the different branches of our military. Seating within the park will have veteran memorial plates attached for reflection. It truly stands to be a wonderful addition to the Saratoga community.

Projects like these are never easy to undertake. It requires a lot of coordination and can be costly. With a population of approximately 1700 people, it can be challenging to raise the necessary funds to make a worthy project such as this possible. Fortunately, volunteers in Saratoga have been working hard to get this project across the finish line. I support them and their efforts, and look forward to visiting the "Never Forget Park" when it is complete.

Sincerely,



Cynthia M. Lummis
United States Senator