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Laura Jane Musser Fund  
ATTN: Mary Karen Lynn-Klimenko

Ms. Mary Karen Lynn-Klimenko:

The American Legion (Legion) is very excited to provide this letter of support for the Never Forget Park in Honor of Staff Sergeant Tyler Edward Pickett (Park). Staff Sergeant Tyler Edward Pickett of Saratoga followed a long-standing family tradition of military service when he enlisted in the United States Army on May 31, 2001. After completing his basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia, he served in Afghanistan from August 2003 to August 2004.

He was on his 2nd tour in Iraq with the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, based out of Fort Drum, New York when he lost his life. On June 8th, 2008, Staff Sergeant Pickett was killed in action when a suicide car bomb exploded near his patrol base in the Kirkuk Province.

With no regard for his own safety, he positioned himself between the explosion and his fellow soldiers, saving their lives by giving his. Staff Sergeant Pickett's awards through his time with the Army are notable, from the National Defense Service Medal to the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, which were both posthumously awarded.

In remembrance of Staff Sergeant Tyler Pickett's service and dedication to this country, a small token in the form of Never Forget Park is being constructed off Pic Pike Road in Saratoga, WY. The Legion has long been committed to the construction of the Park and your financial support will be instrumental in the completion.

Sincerely,

James Olguin, Commander  
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