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IN REPLY REFER TO:

June 22, 2026

Mr. David Maloney
State Historic Preservation Officer
District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office
899 North Capitol Street, NE, Suite 7100
Washington, DC 20002

RE: Section 106 Consultation for the Proposed Triumphal Arch in Memorial Circle

Dear Mr. Maloney,

Thank you for providing the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Officer's (DC HPO's) comments regarding effects on historic properties in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations, 36 C.F.R. Part 800.

Public participation regarding the proposed Triumphal Arch has been extraordinary, with the NPS receiving over 100,000 public comments regarding this undertaking. Those views expressed are being considered in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This level of participation indicates that those who wish to participate have indeed been able to do so. In your response to NPS's invitation to consult, you stated that the DC HPO "does not believe any mitigation measures suggested in the draft Programmatic Agreement will adequately resolve the adverse effects of the proposed project." The only mitigation measure so far suggested by the DC HPO is to site the project at an alternative location. Based on our previous communications, it is NPS's understanding that if the project consists of an approximately 250-foot-tall arch, located in Memorial Circle, it is the DC HPO's position that there is no way to mitigate or minimize the identified adverse effects. Please either confirm that this is indeed your position or propose any suggested mitigation measures that do not consist of either site relocation or diminution of the structure.

Thank you very much, and we look forward to your response. Please direct any questions or comments to Tammy Stidham, Associate Regional Director – Lands and Planning, at 202-619-7474 or tammy_stidham@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

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