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Mr. James L. Laychak
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Dear Mr. Laychak:

I am writing to express the Department's appreciation to the Pentagon Memorial Fund, Inc. for its partnership in establishing and maintaining the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial. The Department of Defense and the Pentagon Memorial Fund have worked closely to operate this living tribute to those we lost and to honor their service and memory. Located at the site of the attack, on the southwest side of the Pentagon, the Memorial is a place of solace where families, friends, and fellow citizens remember and reflect.

I understand that the Pentagon Memorial Fund is developing plans for the 9/11 Pentagon Visitor Education Center, to complement the Pentagon Memorial and enhance the experience for the more than 300,000 annual visitors from around the world. I recognize the importance of informing current and future generations of what happened at this site on September 11, 2001.

This Visitors Education Center will provide the opportunity for many to learn about the survivors and heroes in the Pentagon after the 9/11 attacks, the importance of this national treasure, and those who serve our nation.

I wish you success in the endeavor to build the 9/11 Pentagon Visitor Education Center.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*I thank
for your
important
efforts*

*Jack
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