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Dear Friends,

Oklahoma has a long and storied military heritage that spans more than a century. Most recently, many members of the Oklahoma National Guard have served in the War on Terrorism, as have many Oklahomans in active service and the military reserves. We are proud of our fighting men and women, and our state would consider it an honor to host the National War on Terrorism Memorial on the grounds of the 45th Infantry Museum in Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma's central location, as well as the presence of an international airport and three major interstate highways would make Oklahoma City an ideal location for this memorial. The War on Terrorism Memorial would no doubt compliment many of Oklahoma City's other attractions, such as the Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial and the 45th Infantry Museum.

Like so many veterans before them, those fighting the War on Terrorism are defenders of our freedom and the American way of life. Those who have fallen in that struggle deserve a fitting memorial to their sacrifice, and Oklahoma is happy to do its part in making that memorial a reality.

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