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Dear Alan:

The sacrifices made by our nation's veterans in the name of freedom can never truly be repaid in full. I do feel, however, that we all have an obligation to thank our veterans and, whenever possible, offer our support. This is why my office is always open to veterans.

Recently, the Marine Helicopter Squadron 361 Veterans Association's quest to purchase and restore a UH-34D helicopter was brought to my attention. I believe it is wonderful idea and I support it fully. Your efforts to preserve such a significant piece of history and utilize it as a teaching tool for both children and adults is commendable.

Freedom is never truly free. That it why it is most appropriate to pay tribute to the fighting men and women of our nation who helped make our freedom possible. This refurbished helicopter will ultimately serve as tangible evidence of the sacrifices made by our heroes in the military. It will also acknowledge, honor and preserve the history that made our nation what it is today.

I also want to commend the dedication of your organization's volunteers, who have pledged themselves to work on a project that will serve as a living memorial to the contributions made by thousands of men and women who have proudly served the United States of America.

Once again, I would like to express my support for the restoration project undertaken by your fine organization. I would urge anyone with a passion for our country to support and contribute to this most worthwhile cause in anyway possible. Good luck and God bless America!

Very truly yours,

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