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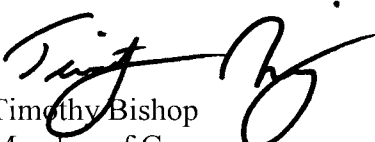
Dear Mr. Weiss,

I am proud to support the efforts of the Marine Corps, Vietnam Helicopter Memorial, History and Educational Project. In the pursuit of restoring a Vietnam era UH-34D helicopter, your organization is doing a service to Long Island, this country and all those who have served in the armed forces.

During the Vietnam War, both the UH-34D and your unit, the "Flying Tigers", became forever associated with dependability and dedication in support of our country. In undertaking the restoration of this historic vehicle you are continuing these traditions by paying proper homage to those who have served this country at home and abroad. This project will educate younger generations about the sacrifices and honor of our veterans and provide a real tool to teach all citizens the importance and lessons of our past.

Long Island's Veterans are committed and involved in positive causes and deserve our utmost respect and support. They are steadfastly dedicated to the well being of the U.S. and it is with great enthusiasm that I support the endeavors of our veterans.

Sincerely,


Timothy Bishop
Member of Congress