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Mr. Alan J. Weiss  
Marine Helicopter Squadron 361  
Veterans Association, Inc.  
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Cutchogue, NY 11935

Dear Alan,

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I lend my support to the Marine Helicopter Squadron 361 Veterans Association UH-34D Memorial Restoration Project.

I am excited to be a part of this important project, one that spans generations with its meaning and historical value. Countless volunteer veterans, representing more than 100,000 veterans who have made Long Island their home, have been working to restore a Marine Corps Sikorsky UH-34D helicopter. The UH-34D helicopter played a central role in our nation's history during the 1950s and 1960s, from being a part of our early space program to being a key component of successful mission in the Vietnam War.

Today, restoration of the UH-34D helicopter will bring our history to life. It will be a living history exhibit, and not just a museum piece. Our children will be introduced to our history through experience, and not textbooks. What a fantastic way to honor all those who have fought for our nation's beliefs: our veterans, our fallen friends from wars past, our POW/MIAs, our friends and neighbors who perished in the attacks of September 11.

I have always said that Long Island was lucky to have a close-knit community of veterans who continue to exercise their commitment to our country even after their official service is over. It is with great pleasure that I recognize all of their efforts and valuable contributions to Long Island and the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn McCarthy".

CAROLYN McCARTHY  
Member of Congress

