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Subcommittee on Federal Lands
Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Tiffany, Ranking Member Neguse, and Members of the Subcommittee:

On behalf of Women Veterans Alliance, I write in strong support of the bipartisan, bicameral World War II Women's Memorial Location Act (H.R. 2290/S.1088). This legislation would authorize the consideration of specific locations for a memorial honoring the 18 million women who served on the home front during World War II, ensuring that any final site selected holds a meaningful thematic and historical connection to their contribution.

Founded in 2015, Women Veterans Alliance is a global organization dedicated to empowering and supporting women who have served in the military. Through leadership development, advocacy, visibility efforts, and events, we connect and uplift women veterans from across the United States and around the world. Our mission is to ensure women who have served are recognized, supported, and celebrated for their contributions—past, present, and future.

During World War II, women stepped up in unprecedented numbers to keep the nation running and support the war effort. They served as pilots, codebreakers, engineers, factory workers, welders, and building the planes, tanks, munitions, and infrastructure needed to secure Allied victory. General Eisenhower himself credited their efforts as essential to the success of the D-Day invasion.

Yet, despite their critical role, these women remain largely unrecognized in our nation's most visible commemorative spaces. Establishing a memorial near the existing World War II Memorial, much like the Vietnam Women's Memorial complements the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, would not only honor their legacy, but help complete the historical narrative presented on the National Mall.

We strongly urge the Subcommittee to support this legislation and help ensure these women receive the national recognition they have long deserved. Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to honoring our nation's heroes.

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