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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 Rosie the Riveter Trust, 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.

Rosie the Riveter Trust is the official nonprofit partner of Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond, California. We support the national park's efforts to preserve and share the powerful stories of the 18 million women and countless others who mobilized on the American home front during World War II. We are dedicated to honoring the women who worked on the home front and ensuring that their sacrifices and achievements are commemorated as an essential part of America's historical narrative.

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.

I urge the Subcommittee to support this important legislation, and thank you for your consideration of this effort to finally give these women the national recognition they deserve.

Sincerely,

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