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The Jewish American Society for Historic Preservation Jerry Klinger - President 6162 Golf Villas Drive Boynton Beach, Fl. 33437

Dear Mr. Klinger,

I am writing to you to support the establishment and dedication of a memorial honoring the American liberators of Buchenwald at the Camp museum and memorial site. The story of the camp's liberators is one that is rarely told. With the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Camp's liberation in a year and a half, it is time that the soldiers who saved Buchenwald's inmates be honored.

The importance of having a memorial for Buchenwald's American liberators is undeniable. The Buchenwald memorial and museum gets 1-2,000,000 visitors annually. Those who visit should know the story of the camp's liberation, the story of the young men who received a radio distress signal from prisoners and heeded their desperate call for help.

This story will be significant to all those who visit Buchenwald, but it has special significance to me, personally. My grandfather witnessed the horrors of the Holocaust. As he led the Allied Forces into Germany, his soldiers came upon Ohrdruf Concentration Camp, a sub-camp of Buchenwald. General Eisenhower visited the camp on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 1945. What he saw, in his own words "beggared description." He ordered that those under his command bear witness to and document the conditions of the concentration camps. My own father was sent to Buchenwald to photograph survivors and the camps in which they were imprisoned, enslaved, and tortured.

The memory of what took place at Buchenwald should not be forgotten. We must remember the liberators. If this memorial is built and dedicated in time for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Buchenwald's liberation, the last of the generation who fought in the Second World War and lived through the Holocaust can join future generations and see a powerful memorial with the image of American Soldiers passing through the front gate of Buchenwald.

I hope this plan will become a reality.

Sincerely,

Susan Eisenhower

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