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Jewish American Society for Historic Preservation Jerry Klinger, President 6162 Golf Villas Drive Boynton Beach, FL 33437

Dear Mr. Klinger,

I wish to express my support for the proposed memorial for the American liberators of the Buchenwald concentration camp. Buchenwald, which was built on German soil in 1937, was one of the first and largest concentration camps constructed by the Nazi regime. Throughout Buchenwald's existence, 240,000 prisoners were confined and over 50,000 Jews and prisoners of war were brutally murdered.

On April 11, 1945, soldiers of the United States Third Army liberated Buchenwald to a hero's welcome. But today, there exists no formal remembrance of the soldiers that brought the horrors of Buchenwald to an end. As our firsthand knowledge of the Holocaust diminishes, it becomes increasingly incumbent upon us to remember not only those that perished, but also those that helped bring to a close one of the darkest events in our history.

The construction of a memorial at Buchenwald to honor the American heroes who liberated the camp is long overdue. With the help of the Jewish American Society for Historic Preservation, a memorial could be built and these brave soldiers will be enshrined as the heroes they were.

Sincerely,

Lois Frankel

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