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**Williston Basin**

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Hoodies for Hero's  
Attn: Mr. Ken Callahan  
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To Any and All Concerned,

My name is Steve Slocum and I serve as the Vice Chair for the Military Affairs Committee – Williston Basin located in Williston, ND

I am writing to express our committee's support for the Hoodies 4 Heros Committee in Billings, MT and their project to design and construct a military monument recognizing veterans and active-duty service personnel who have served in the US Armed Forces since the end of the Vietnam War.

This project from our next-door neighbor is important to us because of our shared belief that the men and women who have worn or wear the uniform of the United States of America will never be forgotten and always held in the highest regard.

While our committee is not familiar with the entire membership of the Hoodies 4 Heros Committee, we are very familiar with one of their lead members, Mr. Ken Callahan. We lost Ken from our committee 8 months ago when he was promoted to a new position in Billings, MT. It still stings. However, our loss is a huge gain for the Hoodies 4 Heros Committee, especially when it comes to building monuments to recognize the service from our military and National Guard. Ken, a veteran himself, was instrumental in the construction of two beautiful monuments here in Williston. One was the \$250,000.00 Freedom Monument, which is very much like the monument being proposed by his new military committee. The other, less expensive, was the re-creation of the country's first

monument to the unknowns, built and dedicated two years before the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington. Ken not only has the experience, but he also has an outstanding track record. I am most confident Ken and his new organization will deliver as promised, most likely on time and under budget.

I am available to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Slocum". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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