

Friends of Marine Stadium C/o Dade Heritage Trust 190 SE 12<sup>th</sup> Terrace Miami, FL 33131

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We are writing to voice our support for the revival of City of Miami Marine Stadium. Our company produces the Miami International Triathlon (MIT), which actually takes place at the Marine Stadium site. It is a three day annual event that includes both a multisport expo and an Olympic distance triathlon race. 2008 was the first year of the MIT, it had over 1,000 participants and 2,000 spectators including people from 20 different countries who generated over 1.2 Million Dollars back to the City of Miami.

If the Stadium were to be open and available, we would be able to expand the event. We hope to grow the event so that eventually it will include 3,000 participants and more than 6,000 spectators. A revived Stadium would be a wonderful asset to us, and ultimately to the City of Miami.

Participatory sporting events, like the Miami International Triathlon, have been rapidly increasing in number and scope in recent years. The City of Miami Marine Stadium is an excellent location for such events. If additional information about the Miami International Triathlon is needed, please visit:

www.mitriathlon.com

Yours truly,

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**Event Director**