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Mr. Don Worth  
Friends of Miami Marine Stadium, Inc.  
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Dear Don,

On behalf of Miami-Dade County's Department of Cultural Affairs and Cultural Affairs Council, we would like to express our strong support for the Friends of Miami Marine Stadium's efforts to restore, preserve and operate the Miami Marine Stadium. The Marine Stadium, a unique historical and cultural venue, was once host to many outstanding and diverse cultural and recreational events. We continue to encourage the efforts of the Friends of Miami Marine Stadium to bring this one-of-a-kind crown jewel back to life by promoting its activation and maximizing its use by the many experienced and creative local promoters, artists and non-profit cultural institutions that call Miami their home.

Represented and supported by over one thousand cultural organizations, the arts are a powerful industry in Miami-Dade County, and one that generates almost \$1.1 billion in annual local economic activity and supports almost 30,000 jobs, based on Arts & Economic Prosperity IV, a study recently completed by Miami-Dade County's Department of Cultural Affairs. The study also showed that more than 13.5 million people attend cultural events here annually. We fully anticipate that a newly restored Miami Marine Stadium will not only have a significant impact on tourism by providing enriching cultural experiences for our residents and visitors, but will also have a positive effect on our local economy. A renewed Marine Stadium will make significant cultural, economic and social contributions to advance our goal to establish Miami-Dade County as one of the world's newest and most dynamic cultural capitals.

Investments in the arts, including investing in the cultural facilities that support these activities, are strategic investments in Miami-Dade's future. We are particularly proud of the fact that Miami-Dade County already has made a capital commitment to help support the restoration of Marine Stadium.

The steadily growing list of accomplishments, including gaining national and international recognition as well as municipal and county support, serve as a testament to the incredible work of Friends of Miami Marine Stadium. We celebrate your achievements and look forward to working together to ensure that a restored and reactivated Miami Marine Stadium once again plays a significant role to Miami-Dade County's cultural life.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Adolfo Henriques, written in a cursive style.

Adolfo Henriques  
Chair  
Miami-Dade Cultural Affairs Council

A blue ink signature of Michael Spring, written in a cursive style.

Michael Spring  
Director  
Miami-Dade Department of Cultural Affairs