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Ms. Ellen Uguccioni, Historic Preservation Officer
& Members of the Historic and Environmental Preservation Board
City of Miami Planning Department
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Delivered by Hand

Dear Ms. Uguccioni and Members of the Historic and Environmental
Preservation Board:

I'm writing to support the designation of the Commodore Ralph Middleton
Munroe Miami Marine Stadium as a historic site and structure. As you know, the
Miami Marine Stadium was designed by Hilario Candela when he was only 26
years old. Candela would later become one of the most prominent architects in
the region, but the Marine Stadium will always be considered one of his finest
designs.

The Miami Marine Stadium is of particular interest to the National Trust for
Historic Preservation because it is an important mid-century modern civic
structure – a building type that has only recently been recognized as an
important part of America's heritage. The National Trust has been working for
several years to save and preserve the important places of our recent past, and
the Stadium is an excellent example of a structure that not only illustrates the
architectural features of the mid-century era, but also possesses enormous
cultural and social significance. Thousands, if not millions, of people have
gathered at the Marine Stadium over the years to view aquatic sports, participate
in multi-denominational religious services, and attend concerts by such great
artists as Sammy Davis, Jr., Jimmy Buffett and Jose Luis Rodriguez "El Puma".

The concrete cantilever structure, with its design mimicking the waves of the
water it sits on as well as the sails of the ships that pass by, is considered the
finest example of a mid-century sporting venue in the region. Unfortunately, the
Marine Stadium has been vacant for 16 years, and what was once a meeting
place and entertainment venue for all is now abandoned and covered in graffiti.

I hope that the City of Miami does right by this important architectural, cultural,
and socially significant mid-century stadium and designates it as a historic site

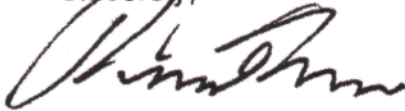
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and structure. The City must recognize this important historic resource and do everything possible to save and preserve it so that it will once again be a treasured symbol of Miami's heritage.

The National Trust is supportive of the Dade Heritage Trust and the Friends of Marine Stadium in their efforts to designate the stadium and its environs as a historic site and structure. I encourage you to contact Karen Nickless in the National Trust's Southern Regional Office at 843-722-8552, so that she may be of further assistance in bringing National Trust resources to the foreground in saving this important historic place.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Moe", written in a cursive style.

Richard Moe

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