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Friends of Miami Marine Stadium  
c/o Dade Heritage Trust  
190 SE 12th Terrace  
Miami, FL 33131

Dear Friends of Miami Marine Stadium:

I am writing to support your efforts to designate the Miami Marine Stadium and its environs as an historic site and structure, and to restore it to productive public use. The Marine Stadium as a facility has been an extremely successful building. This has been in spite of being grossly mismanaged and badly maintained by the City of Miami.

The very people, who caused what damage there is to the Marine Stadium's integrity (both as a building and as a revenue generator), are the ones who want to tear it down.

They have come to this conclusion regardless of the fact that all independent surveys conclude that the only repairs the building needs are due to neglect, that it is extremely well-liked by the public, and that if it were properly managed, it would produce sound income.

I have supported efforts to protect the stadium since 1993 when the Foundation for Modern Architecture (then known as the Rufus Nims Architect Foundation) organized a coalition of prominent architects, engineers, and community activists to save the stadium from demolition, due to what was claimed to be hurricane damage. After Hurricane Andrew in 1992, the City closed the stadium, even though there was no damage from the storm.

It would be interesting to know if the City already has some favored business arrangement for that land.

Please consider this letter as my support for all efforts to protect and restore for public use this significant example of Miami's mid-century modern architecture.

Sincerely,

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