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Dear Michael and Tim,

I'm writing this letter to tell you how much I admire your efforts in launching the "LZ Michigan" Project. This wide-reaching, non-political statewide effort to honor and "welcome home" Michigan's Vietnam War veterans this July 3 at Fifth Third Ballpark is intended to honor those who were killed in action, those still missing and unaccounted for as well as surviving vets, many of whom continue to suffer from injuries – physical, psychological and emotional – incurred in Southeast Asia.

I can tell you from my own, direct experience that the LZ Michigan Project has already resonated wonderfully, not only with Vietnam veterans but with all veterans. One older vet with whom I spoke about LZ Michigan is, essentially, homebound. But he still wants to help. He is willing to make phone calls, send letters – whatever he can – to help pull this off. This man's reaction is typical of the reaction LZ Michigan has generated from everyone to whom I've spoken about it. It is certainly an understatement that LZ Michigan is an exceedingly worthwhile undertaking.

Please know that I – and all of Michigan ESGR – stand ready to do whatever we can to make LZ Michigan the best, most meaningful and most impactful event possible for our courageous men and women who served our nation in the Vietnam War.

Best Regards,

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