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Mayor Eileen Higgins; Commissioners Rolando Escalona, Damian Pardo, Miguel Gabela,
Ralph Rosado, Christine King,

Miami City Hall
3500 Pan American Drive
Miami, Florida 33133

RE: Miami Marine Stadium

Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

I am writing to urge support for the restoration of Miami Marine Stadium. The Stadium is an extremely important Cultural and Architectural Asset for the City of Miami, which is crucial to protect and restore.

I say this as a past Vice President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, which included Miami Marine Stadium on its list of 11 Most Endangered Historic Places in 2009, and a past North America Regional Director of the World Monuments Fund, which included the Stadium on its 2010 Watch. The significance and importance of Miami Marine Stadium is such that it is the only property ever to be recognized by both these organizations, respectively the leading not for profit organizations in the United States and the World. This puts Miami Marine Stadium in the category of Angkor Wat, the Taj Mahal, Ellis Island, and, in terms of modern architecture, Eero Saarinen's TWA terminal at JFK airport in New York, another masterpiece constructed of reinforced concrete.

It is hard to think of another building so culturally and symbolically connected to the place it was built. Designed by Cuban Born architect Hilario Candela in a city deeply imbued with Cuban culture, Miami Marine Stadium combines Candela's Cuban architectural heritage with the most innovative and dramatic engineering of the mid-20th Century. It is a landmark in every sense of the word.

The future of Miami Marine Stadium is in your hands. For Cubans, for Americans, for Cuban Americans and for the entire planet, please vote for the restoration of this singularly important building.

Sincerely,

Frank Sanchis