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Mayor Eileen Higgins  
Commissioner Damian Pardo  
Commissioner Miguel Gabela  
Commissioner Christine King  
Commissioner Ralph Rosado  
Commissioner Rolando Escalona

Miami City Hall  
3500 Pan American Drive  
Miami, Florida 33133

Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

I am writing to encourage the City of Miami's full embrace and support for the revival of the Miami Marine Stadium. After years of study and analysis it is time to move forward by engaging the operator and launching the retrofitting and restoration of this national landmark historic site.

This facility is unique and important in so many ways. The architecture has been recognized and celebrated, even in its abandoned state. It is designed for South Florida audiences who prefer to be outdoors and are protected by this innovative design with covering for sun and rain. At 6500 capacity it fills a missing size and scale of professional venues in our market. Larger than the Filmore Jackie Gleason (2500cap) and Arsht center (2200cap), yet smaller than the Kaysea Arena, Bayfront Park Amphitheater and other sports-oriented venues often used for concerts. The Miami Marine Stadium is large enough to support substantial artistic attractions, and right sized at the correct scale for many national tours which are not presently including Miami.

This natural waterfront location backed by the City of Miami skyline provides what is literally a one-of-a-kind experience. Convenient parking and updated customer amenities will further enhance the appeal. The special attributes of this venue can achieve status alongside the most iconic outdoor venues in the United States such as Red Rocks in Colorado and the Hollywood Bowl in California. In this elite group of venues, with operations under professional management, the Miami Marine Stadium will be a sought-after experience for both musical artists and audiences alike.

I understand the Oakview Group may be selected to invest in and manage the stadium. This group has the respect as best in class in the industry, having recently built and operated some of the most successful venues in the country. This is a wonderful opportunity for the City to jump start the project in the capable hands of experienced professionals.

I encourage your support of this long-awaited restoration. This will enhance the ecosystem of our arts and entertainment sector and generations of residents and visitors will thank you for this foresight.

Thank you sincerely,

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