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Commissioner Miguel Gabela
Commissioner Christine King
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Miami City Hall
3500 Pan American Drive
Miami, Florida 33133

To the Mayor and Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong support for the preservation and restoration of the Miami Marine Stadium. Completed in 1962 and sited with extraordinary clarity along Biscayne Bay, the Stadium is among Miami's most significant works of civic architecture. Its innovative cantilevered concrete roof, expressive structural form, and open relationship to water, light, and landscape make it architecturally exceptional and inseparable from its setting. As a designated historic resource at the local and national levels, the Stadium represents an irreplaceable chapter in Miami's architectural and cultural history.

Preserving the Marine Stadium is also a meaningful act of environmental resilience and sustainability. The adaptive reuse of this robust, climate-responsive structure conserves embodied energy, reduces the environmental cost of demolition and replacement, and demonstrates how historic public architecture can be responsibly reintegrated into contemporary civic life. At a moment when Miami is confronting the long-term impacts of climate change, restoring the Stadium affirms preservation as a forward-looking strategy that aligns environmental stewardship, public access to the waterfront, and cultural continuity. I strongly support efforts to restore this landmark and return it to active public use.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John A. Stuart".

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