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Mr. J. Paul Loether
Chief
National Register of Historic Places, and
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National Park Service
1849 C Street, N.W. (2280)
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Loether:

I write in strong support of the American Veterans Heritage Center's nomination of the Central Branch, National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers/Dayton Administration Home for designation as a National Historic Landmark.

The Central Branch opened in 1867 and became known as the "Mother Home," because it served as the model for future facilities that were constructed by the government to provide care for disabled veterans. Since its establishment, the Central Branch has provided health care and rehabilitation services for generations of our veterans and played a significant part in shaping the rich history of the Dayton region.

Establishing the Central Branch as a National Historic Landmark will help to create an essential link between our past and present. This will ensure that current and future generations develop a greater understanding and appreciation for the sacrifices made by the brave men and women of our Armed Forces and the dedicated professionals providing them care.

Thank you for your consideration of the Central Branch's nomination to be a National Historic Landmark, and your continued commitment to preserving our nation's historic treasures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael R. Turner".

Michael R. Turner
Member of Congress