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STATEMENT OF EMC CHAIRMAN ROCCO SICILIANO ON THE MAJORITY STAFF REPORT OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

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It should be noted that the FDR Memorial took 41 years to complete and the controversy surrounding the Vietnam Memorial and the vilification of the young designer, Maya Lin, is still fresh in our minds, yet it is now the most visited memorial in Washington, D.C. It is unfortunate that history appears to be repeating itself with the Natural Resources Committee staff report unfairly and inaccurately attacking Frank Gehry, the Commissioners, and staff.

I take personal exception to the unfounded allegations that the designer selection process was in any way unfair or not in compliance with Federal Acquisition Regulations. America wants this memorial. Let’s get it done.

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