

HANGAR ONE SUBCOMMITTEE

Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board

December 9, 2011

Hon. Anna Eshoo
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

At the December 8, 2011 meeting of the Hangar One Subcommittee of the Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board, Ken Ambrose of H211 LLC explained his organization's proposal to restore and reuse historic Hangar One, currently the object of a Navy Superfund Removal Action. The Subcommittee voted unanimously to endorse the proposal.

Though we still believe that the restoration of Hangar One is the obligation of the federal government, we urge you and your colleagues in Congress to work to ensure that NASA, the current owner of the hangar, immediately consider the proposal. Any delay is likely to increase the cost of preservation and contribute to the degradation of this magnificent landmark.

It is our understanding that H211 is proposing to pay for and manage the restoration of Hangar One—making it watertight and usable as an aircraft hangar—and to enter into a master lease. Restoration will meet historic preservation standards. Portions of the hangar that it does not use—this is, after all, one of the world's largest freestanding structures—may be available for other uses, such as a museum or educational center.

H211's proposal will not lead to noticeable changes in airfield use, and its activities will remain consistent with H211's Space Act agreement, under which it supports NASA's scientific mission.

Since both Hangar One and the underlying groundwater contain Superfund contaminants, restoration will be consistent with and not interfere with cleanup activities at Moffett Field.

While we remain open to other offers to fund the restoration of the hangar, we believe that our neighbors, residents of the South Bay Area from all political perspectives, will not hesitate to support the H211 offer enthusiastically.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. E. Berry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "W" and "B".

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