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Mr. Sloan D. Gibson, President
USO
2111 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1200
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Dear Mr. Gibson:

This is to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for your commitment in bringing the USO and its important services to the Tampa International Airport.

Throughout my tenure in Congress, my wife Beverly and I have made it a personal mission of ours to reach out to America's troops and their families. These individuals have sacrificed everything in the name of defending our homeland and it is through the support of programs like the USO that allow us as a grateful nation to say thank you.

Being that Tampa Bay houses MacDill Air Force Base, one of the busiest VA hospitals in the country, and is home to nearly 458,000 veterans and 50,000 active duty and reserve personnel, I have no doubt that the USO will be welcomed with open arms. Furthermore, it has been estimated that the USO will be able to serve approximately 1,100 additional military members that travel through Tampa International Airport each day.

Supporting our men and women in uniform is the duty of every member of Congress and one that I take very seriously. Throughout the past 70 years, the USO has proved to be a faithful ally to our nation's heroes and their families. Again, I thank you for your work in an effort to bring such an important asset to our community.

With best wishes and personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,



C. W. Bill Young
Member of Congress

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