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USO Support Committee
PO Box 90238
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Dear Committee:

I am writing to offer my support, in whatever way possible, to assist you in your efforts to bring a USO to McCarran International Airport.

As a military reservist, I have had the opportunity to utilize this important resource on many occasions, albeit at airports other than McCarran. For many service members, the USO is an oasis in an unfamiliar place where comrades can relax amongst like-minded individuals. When I made Clark County my home in 1992, I wondered why the now fifth busiest airport in the country did not have a USO. At first I thought it was because most of McCarran's passenger traffic is tourism-based. Yet as I travel through the airport, I always see our country's servicemen and women, in uniform, sitting and waiting for their next "hop" or trying to catch some much-needed sleep atop their duffel bags. This is no way to show our support for the men and women who sacrifice so much to serve our country.

I commend you on your efforts in this most worthy cause and look forward to the day when the USO opens its doors at McCarran International Airport.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Heck".

Dr. Joe Heck (LTC, USAR)
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