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Franklin County Veterans Service Commission
280 East Broad Street, Room 100
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Commissioners:

The Military Veterans Scholarship Foundation (MILVETS) is still active despite the 2020 COVID Pandemic. As you know, we were forced to cancel the 2020 Veterans Day Parade.

Our Trustees met in May and based on state and city COVID guidance; we are planning for the 2021 Veterans Day Parade in November. We would like to move forward and request a parade permit for Friday, November 5th. Our financial statements reflect the cost for the parade to be well over \$20,000. Much of the costs incurred are from police assistance, floats and high school band transportation. We are anticipating similar costs this year.

MILVETS Trustees would like to ask again for your support. MILVETS continues to financially support the USO, Veterans Stand-Down, Women Veterans Conference, Armed Forces Day Luncheon, and numerous other Veteran focused events. We continue to obtain limited financial support from our corporate donors while offering up to \$12,500 worth of scholarships annually. We believe that \$15,000 would defer the brunt of the parade costs.

I have enclosed a financial statement and my contact information if you would like to discuss particulars about this request. MILVETS is very grateful for your contributions in past years, and we look forward to your continued support. We feel that it is extremely important to resume the Downtown Veterans Day Parade following the 2020 Pandemic. Your funding will make this happen!

Respectfully,

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