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The Hon. Megan Berry  
Office of the Mayor  
1 Public Square, Suite 100  
Nashville, TN 37201

Dear Mayor Berry:

The preservation of Fort Negley Park should not only be an act of choosing historical preservation over concrete and condos, but an opportunity to put Nashville in a special place in terms of Civil War preservation. As you know, the original Nashville Sounds baseball stadium was ripped from the park. It is time to restore this property to the original park. Time to take action that shows Nashville to be a city that is willing to protect an important part of its history.

Let me quote from Nashville.org in describing the history of the park: "As the largest inland stone fortification built during the Civil War, Fort Negley stood as the centerpiece of Union occupied Nashville. Fort Negley represents the effects of war and sudden occupation, the heartbreak of the Battle of Nashville . . ."

We should not commit another sin, another heartbreak for the citizens of Nashville, by a continued disturbance of hallowed ground. Please choose to protect Fort Negley and develop it into one park, dedicated to those who fell to defend Nashville during troubled times.

Sincerely,

David McReynolds, National Treasurer  
Commander, Department of Tennessee (with Mississippi and Alabama)  
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