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Dear Friends:

I regret that I am not able to join you today. However, I am honored to be able to provide a tribute letter for the Sons and Daughters In Touch Father's Day ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

The Vietnam Wall bears the names of thousands of Americans of all races, colors, and creeds who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Beyond their common humanity, one thing connects each of the men and women on the Wall: they loved our country, and they gave everything to defend it. They were family and friends to many, heroes to all. Their honor is eternal and will live in our country so long as it remains worthy of their sacrifice.

As a Vietnam veteran, I am moved by your tireless efforts at helping our country to heal the painful rifts left by that divisive conflict. I thank all of you for the moral and emotional support you have provided each other and grieving families and friends over the past twenty years. Regrettably, a new generation of Gold Star children is emerging as a result of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. I am heartened to know that you stand ready with guidance and support for these children, spouses, and friends. Your work is truly admirable, and I applaud you.

I wish you and your families the best during your time in Washington. Thank you for your continued dedication to a worthy cause. God bless.

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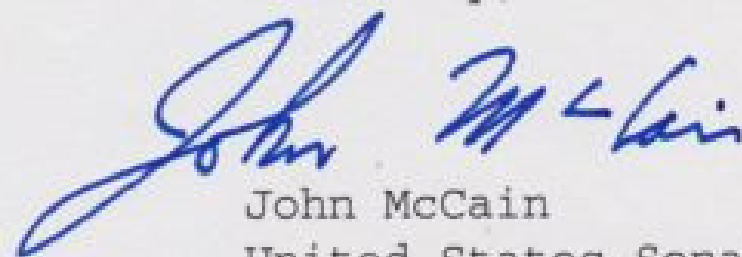
Dear Friends:

I am honored to have been invited to participate in Sons and Daughters in Touch's Father's Day ceremony, and greatly regret that scheduling problems preclude my being there with you. I have no doubt, however, that it will be a deeply touching event.

As a veteran of the war in Vietnam who lost many friends there, I continue to applaud your organization's tireless efforts at helping the country to heal the rifts left by a divisive conflict. Most importantly, the moral and emotional support you provide the families of those who lost loved ones represents a truly admirably mission that I join with many others in applauding. The dignity with which Sons and Daughters in Touch conducts its activities does great honor to the fathers, husbands, and friends who traveled to a far-away land to fight a war that is only now ending for many and never entirely will for some.

I sincerely regret that I cannot be there with you this Father's Day and wish you the best. Thank you for your continued dedication to a truly worthy cause.

Sincerely,



John McCain
United States Senator