

I oppose the proposed 250-foot “Triumphal Arch.”

The arch would be a monument to lawlessness. The project is being rushed through without the required Congressional approval or allocated funding.

The U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, which approved the arch, is stacked with supporters of President Trump, who is pushing for this monument to himself. The process was not fair nor impartial.

This massive and expensive vanity project circumvents normal review processes and ignores the need for public input.

Further, building this giant monument at Columbia Island or Memorial Circle would drastically violate the federal Height of Buildings Act and destroy the historic viewshed connecting Arlington National Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial.

This 250-foot monument will be located just two miles from Reagan National Airport, leading to additional hassles for air travelers, and additional review by the Federal Aviation Administration.

American taxpayers are expected to contribute as much as \$250 million for the arch. Given current experience with the president’s proposed projects, such as the ballroom, we can expect that estimate to skyrocket.

This is a poor use of taxpayer dollars, particularly in an era of rising costs. The Park Service should focus on existing national parks rather than a massive triumphal arch.

I oppose this project and ask that resources be allocated more responsibly.