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Honorable Olympia J. Snowe
154 Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Snowe:

The Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), whose membership is comprised entirely of combat wounded veterans, thanks you and is proud to support the legislation you have introduced S. 815, "Sanctity of Eternal Rest for Veterans' Act of 2011."

MOPH shares your concerns that there should be no place for protestors, whatever their cause may be, close to the internment site of fallen service members. Throughout America's history, Patriots have shed their blood and given their lives to ensure that all Americans, even the ones who show no respect for the sacrifices of the men and women in uniform, could enjoy the freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution, to include the right to free speech.

MOPH has been, and will always be, firmly committed to those rights that are contained in the Constitution, but feels strongly that "one person's right ends where another person's begin."

Thank you for your leadership on this issue and for your expression of compassion and respect for members of the United States Armed Forces and all veterans.

Respectfully,

Clayton D. Jones
National Commander