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The Honorable Frank R. Wolf  
Congress of the United States  
241 Cannon Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-4610

Dear Congressman Wolf,

The Department of History at James Madison University is delighted to support your efforts to restore to February 22 the federal holiday recognizing George Washington's birthday. As historians, we are keenly aware of the important role Washington played as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, his quiet leadership at the Constitutional Convention and his essential role as first President under the Constitution. Washington's selfless sacrifice to a cause greater than himself and his determination to rise above the bitter partisanship of his own time not only ensured the survival of the American republic, but continues to serve as an important reminder to all Americans of what we aspire to as a nation. Please feel free to circulate this letter in support of your legislation.

Sincerely,

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