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Mr. J. Paul Loether, Chief
National Register of Historic Places and National Historic Landmarks Program
National Park Service
1201 Eye Street NW (2280)
8th Floor
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

Please accept this letter as a strong recommendation for designating the Keim Homestead as an official National Historic Landmark. I appreciate your consideration.

Located on Boyer Road in Berks County, Pennsylvania, this historic farm contains its original walk-in fireplaces, as well as much of the woodwork, cemented archways, and hardware that date back to the 1700's. Over time, modifications were made to the house, including the addition of the Hartman Cider Press, which was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1974. These changes have both preserved the original integrity of the structure and have incorporated elements, including porches, which have made it an increasingly beautiful place to behold.

The Keim Homestead continues to be an integral part of Berks County's legacy, and I am confident it is well deserving of the esteemed title of National Historic Landmark. Meanwhile, I encourage you to contact me, as I welcome the opportunity to address any questions you may have about this fine property.

Sincerely,

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