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Paul Loether, Chief
National Register of Historic Places
and National Historic Landmarks
1201 Eye Street NW
Washington, DC 20008

Re: Nomination of Keim Farm for National Historic Monument

Dear Mr. Loether:

I am the Executive Director of the Berks History Center / Historical Society of Berks County, located in Reading, Pennsylvania. We are deeply engaged in the preservation and research of the history of Berks County.

I have been informed that the Keim Farm located on Boyer Road, Pike Township, Berks County, owned by the Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County, has been nominated for National Historic Landmark Status.

On behalf of the Berks History Center, I wish to express our support for the nomination of Keim for recognition for National Historic Landmark status. The Keim Farm is a truly remarkable example of eighteenth century German architecture with much of its original finish very well preserved. It is a unique property and plays a significant role in the history and culture of Berks County, Pennsylvania, and, as such, is truly qualified for nomination for National Historic Landmark Status as a prime example of eighteenth century colonial German architecture.

I wish to thank you for your consideration of this nomination and urge you to act favorably thereon.

Sincerely,

Sime B. Bertolet

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Executive Director

Cc: John S. Hibschman, Esq.

John,
The BHC and I are happy to do this for you and the Trust. All I ask is that I am now allowed to pick Watercress at the Keim Farm!
Best,
Sime

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