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Paul Loether, Chief
National Register of Historic Places
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Re: Nomination of Keim Farm for National Historic Landmark Status

Dear Mr. Loether:

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. I am the CPA who obtained the 501(c)3 status for our Berks County Trust and have been a member since its creation.

As someone who is deeply interested in Pennsylvania history and architecture, I am a long term member of the National Trust for Historical Preservation and my membership number is 22454631. In addition, I have served as the Treasurer and as a Trustee of the Berks County Historical Society for 45 years, as well as being a member of the local chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution for nearly 20 years.

I wish to express my support for the nomination of the Keim Farm for National Historic Landmark Status. The Keim Farm is a truly remarkable example of eighteenth century German architecture with so much of its original finish very well preserved. It is a unique property and, as such, is truly qualified for nomination for National Historic Monument Status as a prime example of eighteenth century colonial German architecture.

The extended Keim family has also played a major part in local and American history. At least two members of the Keim family participated in the militia in the American Revolution.

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

Very truly yours,

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