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Corey D. Barton Endurance Holdings LLC 1977 W. Overland Road Meridian, ID 83642

RE: EGGERS FARMSTEAD

Dear Mr. Barton,

The Ada County Historic Preservation Council (ACHPC) was recently informed by Blaine Johnston of the Meridian Historic Preservation Commission that your company recently purchased the Eggers Farmstead at 820 S. Black Cat Road in Meridian.

The Eggers Farmstead is listed in the Ada County Historic Sites Inventory and is historically significant to Ada County and Meridian. The farmstead has the only remaining dual silo in Ada County. The ACHPC finds that it is important to protect buildings and sites which reflect the County's historic agricultural heritage. The structures on the property, in particular the silo represents the County's past agricultural heritage.

The ACHPC is aware that the acreage surrounding the farmstead will likely develop into a subdivision; however, they believe that the farmstead and the residential subdivision can coexist together. We ask for you to think about incorporating the farmstead into the design of the subdivision. Ada County has a couple of different developments that have incorporated historic structures into their community. The most successful of these is the Schick-Ostolasa Farmstead in the Hidden Springs development. The farmstead serves as a focal point for the community and ties Hidden Springs to the history of the land and is a part of the community's identity. The silo could be a great focal point for your community and give it a unique identity to differentiate it from other subdivisions in the area.

If you are not able to save these structures, we ask that you allow for an architectural historian to document the site before the structures are torn down. As a reminder in Ada County before a structure is torn down you will need to obtain a demolition permit from the Ada County Building Department.

The ACHPC is available to meet and work with you to preserve and document the site. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting with the ACHPC. I can be reached at (208) 287-7913 or via e-mail at bdanielson@adacounty.id.gov.

Sincerely,

Brent Danielson, AICP

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