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To Whom it May Concern:

The Historic Harrisburg Association (HHA) and its Preservation Committee wish to go on record as officially supporting efforts to preserve and restore the historic Sheepford Road Bridge.

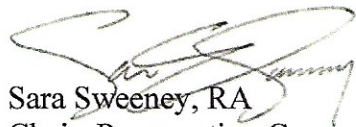
The bridge was included in Historic Harrisburg's 2020 "Preservation Priorities" List for the Harrisburg Region. The various properties and sites included on the list are deemed by Historic Harrisburg to have special importance to the community, as architectural or historic landmarks, as important civic landmarks, or as pivotal elements in larger neighborhood or regional preservation objectives.

The Sheepford Road Bridge meets our criteria in multiple ways. Constructed in 1887 by the Phoenix Bridge Company from Phoenixville, PA, an important bridge builder (including the Walnut Street Bridge, also a Preservation Priority), the Sheepford Road Bridge is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Its character-defining features include wrought and cast-iron truss material and structural members, and its unusual Phoenix columns.

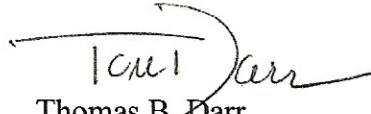
The Sheepford Road Bridge is an important hallmark of the heritage of Lower Allen and Fairview Townships, linking these townships as well as Cumberland and York Counties, who hold joint ownership. It is hoped that these governmental entities, along with PennDOT, the PA State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Friends of Sheepford Road Bridge, can collaboratively bring about the preservation and revitalization of this rare historic landmark.

HHA and its Preservation Committee are in full support of the position taken by the Friends of Sheepford Road Bridge and their ongoing advocacy efforts.

Sincerely,



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