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Ms. Harriette C. Hawkins, Executive Director New Jersey Historic Trust CN 404 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0404

Dear Ms. Hawkins:

Hobart Manor on the campus of William Paterson College is being returned by that institution to it's former grandeur and purpose. Once the center of interaction for people from the region, when it was the home of the Hobarts, the building is being rehabilitated by the college to serve in that way for the college's associations with the governmental, business and community groups and individuals of northern New Jersey.

The college has been doing a great deal to refurbish the historic building. Also, the college's alumni and community members are raising funds to furnish and redecorate the structure to accommodate the gatherings planned for it. I understand that William Paterson College is applying for a grant from the New Jersey Historic Trust to assist in the structural work they are doing on the Manor. I would like to support their request for assistance. The college and community are investing themselves in this project which will be important for this area, and I hope that the Trust will be able to contribute to that endeavor.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, I remain,

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH A. MECCA,

Assemblyman - 34th District

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