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26 May 2021

The Honorable Michael R. Graney
Deputy Cabinet Secretary, Department of Commerce
West Virginia Development Office
State Capitol Complex – Building 3, Suite 600
1900 Kanawha Blvd E.
Charleston, WV 25305

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL TO jack.m.rife@wv.gov AND U.S. POSTAL SERVICE
CERTIFIED MAIL**

RE: Support for the Tourism Development District Application

Dear Mr Graney:

The Corporation of Harpers Ferry is pleased that the SWaN Hill Top House Hotel, LLC, has submitted its Tourism Development District Application to the West Virginia Department of Commerce.

SWaN and the Corporation of Harpers Ferry recognize that a business's profitability is most critical for it to survive and thrive in the long term. We affirm the critical nature of changes or refinements of the 2018 Concept Plan, including:

- Eliminating the underground meeting rooms beneath the Event Lawn overlooking the Potomac River.
- Delaying construction of the "Outfitters Building" and moving its functions to the existing old barbershop.
- Expanding meeting space in the Hotel Annex building and consolidating all restaurant dining

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to the Hotel's main dining room.

- Refining the design of the main Hotel building that will reduce overall interior square footage.
- Screening the northwest corner of the outdoor terrace to complement the historic existing layout of the building.

We are pleased to see SWaN plans to complete the Promontory Overlook Trail prior to the opening of the Hotel. Residents and visitors will be excited to visit the Overlook again.

The Town Council of the Corporation of Harpers Ferry feels that the revised 2018 Concept Plan maintains the principal tenets of the Harper Ferry Street Agreement approved on April 5, 2021; therefore, we support the Tourism Development District Application submitted by SWaN. The Town has some apprehension about the State having full oversight authority of the Hill Top House Hotel project; however, we look forward to open communication and dialogue with the West Virginia Development Office as the project progresses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin Carden." The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Kevin Carden
Recorder

On behalf of the Town Council of the Corporation of Harpers Ferry