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HAGERSTOWN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE, INC.

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Oct. 24. 1986

Price William County Board of Supervisors
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Sirs,

We of the Hagerstown CWRT are very disturbed to hear of the proposed development near the historic Brawner Farm. The proposed office park planned by the Hazel Peterson Co. is a threat to the scenic aspects of the Manassas battlefield. Please do not allow our heritage to be so crudely despoiled. It is seldom that a county can lay claim to such a valuable historic shrine as Manassas. Why ruin it? When high-rise towers loom over the fields and trees of the battlefield all perspective will vanish. Manassas is beautiful now, one can truly imagine two great armies sweeping over the lush farmland. With the thousands of visitors every year, the park is an important tool in your attraction of tourists. These people spend money in Manassas, and help your economy. Will they want to visit a site surrounded by houses and offices? Look at the good work that is being done in marketing restored and/or preserved areas. Isn't that sort of investment better than just another office park?

You have important decisions to make as part of your job, but how often will you get the privilege of saving an important piece of American heritage for your children and mine? How can we teach future generations the virtues of sacrifice to their country when we are easily tempted to squander our history for a few houses and offices? Think long and hard, how many other places can an office park be built, and how many places are there in this country like Manassas?

Thank you for your attention, feel free to discuss this with our organization.

Sincerely,

[Signature: Tom Clemens]

Tom Clemens, Sect./Treas.,
Hagerstown CWRT

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