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Re: I-495 and I-270 MLS Section 106 Materials, PA Third Draft

Dear Mr. Archer:

This letter is to join with the recent requests of the Sierra Club and Friends of Moses Hall for an extension of the comment period on the Third Draft of the Programmatic Agreement and accompanying materials under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. We received on March 31 and with a comment period that expires on April 14 there is insufficient time to prepare a response. Given our review thus far, we do not believe that you have adequately responded to our previous comments.

We do not see in your responses to the Sierra Club and Friends of Moses Hall denying their requests for an extension any legal justification for why the SHA is not providing a standard 30 day comment period on these materials. As we are a volunteer organization with individuals who are working full time and have other commitments, it is extremely difficult for us to marshal our comments in a two week time frame.

Thank you for considering this request.

Very Truly Yours,

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