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The Honorable Michael Santiago, Mayor
City of Millville
12 South High Street
Millville, NJ 08332

Dear Mayor Santiago:

I am writing on behalf of Millville Eagles Aerie #1836.

Although I was skeptical about the success of the demolition of 109 East Main Street, this project was truly a success story. I, along with many others, feared for the safety of all involved, neighbors of building, and damage to surrounding property. For a few days, I was glued to the television. Our usually quiet days at the Aerie saw an increase in activity as members came in to watch the demolition. We watched with baited breath waiting the fate of the Eagle frieze that adorned the building for over 100 years. Never in my life have I seen anything like this. The skill and precision shown in this project is to be admired and surely an example to follow. To simply say "Well done" is an understatement and certainly doesn't come anywhere near to expressing my admiration.

Millville Eagles has overcome many hardships. We've worked very hard against significant obstacles to keep this club active. We were chartered in 1909 and proudly display the original Charter in our building. Walt Lore, one of our Golden Age Eagles, has been a member for over 53 years. He will be recognized at the Eagles State Convention this weekend. Mr. Lore has stayed on through the good and the bad. The Eagles holds a special place in his heart. After the Eagles sold 109 East Main, much of its history was lost and only those items that could be removed were. Imagine our surprise, when we learned the Eagle frieze had been spared.

In addition to you, I contacted Perryman's Excavating and Northeast Precast to see if it is possible that the frieze be given to Eagles. As I understand, it is in the possession of Perryman's who indicated they would "love for the Eagles to have this, to preserve the historical symbol and if it is ok with the Mayor we would love to get this to you".

Millville Eagles is 160 members strong and growing. We are now in a position to become a more active organization within the community. We sent the "Queen of the Plunge" to the Snow Flake Swim, along with our State Eagle Officers. In June, we will be hosting the Recreation & Volunteer Committee with Third Ward Clean-up scheduled for June 2, 2018. We will continue to do what we can for the City. The Grand Aerie, our umbrella organization, has a program for first responders (police officers, firefighters, and EMTs). Certain fees are waived for the first year of membership. I'll be sending information to the appropriate commissioners to share with their Departments.

The purpose of this letter is to ask, if at all possible, that Perryman's be given the authority to give the Eagle Frieze to Millville Eagles Aerie #1836. This would mean so much to our members, particularly those who've been around for a long time, and especially Mr. Lore.

Thank you for your consideration. If I should be contacting someone else, please let me know. I can be reached at 856-825-8332 or 856-371-4921.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sheila Roselle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Sheila Roselle, Secretary
Millville Eagles Aerie 1836

cc: Ashley Udalovas, Commissioner Public Affairs