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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing to express my support of NJSOC Inc. in managing the NJSOC site and expanding the programs offered to include overnight camp. I directed an overnight summer camp at this site for 12 years until the pandemic began, working with the NJSOC staff to provide life-changing, affordable summer camp to 80 girls ages 8-18 each summer. Several members of NJSOC Inc. were involved during our years at the site. We would love the opportunity to resume programs, and we are excited about NJSOC Inc.'s vision for managing and growing this incredible place.

Camp Sojourner is just one of the many camps and groups that bring young people to the NJSOC. The opportunity for kids to get out of the city and be somewhere beautiful and well-run, with dedicated staff and well-kept facilities, teaching about environmental conservation, has been invaluable. The long history of this beautiful place and well-developed environmental education makes being there a truly inspiring and unique experience. Boating, hiking, climbing wall, confidence course, team building activities, and more, are some of our campers favorite activities and have helped countless young people grow as leaders and team members. Moreover, the ability to stay overnight and have an extended experience of waking up to the cool air, seeing the stars at night, taking small healthy risks towards independence in beautiful cabins offering small group bonding, are just some of the benefits of an overnight camping option. Staying overnight and feeling connected to the space also enhances participants' appreciation of nature and the imperative to protect our environment.

I hope you will work together with NJSOC Inc. to help restore this magnificent space back to full functioning and continue to grow to serve generations to come. I am happy to discuss any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Alisha Berry".

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