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To Whom it May Concern,

I wholeheartedly support the Friends of NJ School of Conservation becoming the permanent managers of the NJ SOC. Their Board of Directors and Advisory Council are a smorgasbord of top notch people from the environmental, legal, and business fields. They have already proven their capacity by garnering volunteers to clean and inventory the site, and by providing a variety of top notch programs for adults and children such as tree identification, outdoor baking, archery, and native planting. They have begun to once again include events for school age students, and hope to include teachers and researchers in the future. They managed to secure a noteworthy sizable grant. No one else would even come close to the passion, expertise, and scope of outreach that they will provide.

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