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Shawn M. LaTourette, Commissioner 401 E. State Street 7th Floor, East Wing PO Box 402 Trenton, NJ 08625-0402

Dear Mr. LaTourette,

I am a previous camper of Camp Wapalanne at the School of Conservation from the age of 8. I cannot tell you the impact it has made on my life, not only did I learn about being environmentally responsible, but I also learned about nature itself. I found it very exciting to bring my nephew there a few years ago to also teach him about the environment and learn about the magical place that the School of Conservation is.

The Friends of the New Jersey School of Conservation includes many former campers and counselors who really devoted themselves to continue the work that was started so many generations ago. They have the heart, knowledge and the fortitude to be the best to manage the School of Conservation. When Montclair walked away the Friends stood up and said this is not right and went to work. If it was not for them, I do not believe we would be having this conversation right now. I personally stand behind them in stating that I believe they are the best candidates to become the permanent manager of the School of Conservation.

If you would like to hear more of my thoughts, I can always be reached at my office number 201-863-5348. Thank you for considering the Friends of NJSOC as the best choice.

Sincerely,

Meryl Greenwald

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