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Ms. Eve Isenberg, Chair
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Dear Ms. Isenberg and Members of the Concord Community Preservation Committee,

In collaboration with Meredith Keybl, I co-lead the Concord Carlisle Girl Scout (CCGS) program for 18 troops with more than 175 girls and 150 adult volunteers in Concord and Carlisle. I am writing on behalf of the Girl Scout program in Concord and in support of the Concord Scout House's application for funding from the Concord Community Preservation Fund for exterior preservation of our beloved Concord Scout House.

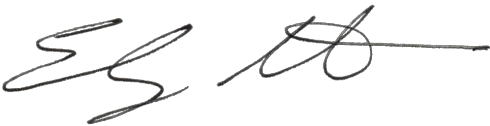
First, we want to express gratitude to the Committee for funding the replacement of the floors in the main hall in 2024. The Scout House is well used by our scouts, hosting weekly meetings for troops and monthly Service Unit celebrations, and providing educational opportunities for youth from kindergarten through high school. The new floors are safer (no more splinters!), easier to clean and look stunning, allowing us to continue to attract rental opportunities. Thank you for helping us to continue to make the Scout House a welcoming space for all!

Second, I wanted to recognize that last month, the Concord Carlisle Girl Scouts celebrated 100 years of scouting in Concord. In five more years we will then celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Scout House building itself! Over the past 100 years, this former barn has hosted events for young women ranging from troop meetings, adult volunteer training, community service projects, award ceremonies, scouting overnights, and educational programs. It is essential that the space be safe for use by all ages and abilities in order for the Girl Scouts to achieve their mission of becoming girls of courage, confidence and character. As you have seen from the

CPA grant application, the exterior of the House is in need of preservation, including repairs and painting. We wholeheartedly support the grant application, as the exterior preservation of our 100 year old Scout House is a top priority for our organization.

Finally, part of our scouting ethos is to "Make the World a Better Place." Each year our volunteers and scouts give hundreds of hours of their time in service to the Concord community, making blankets for Emerson Hospital patients, cards for Veterans and senior citizens, food drives for Open Table and Buddy Dog, picking up trash during the annual spring clean up, and marching in the local parades and ceremonies. Thank you for your consideration of the Scout House Board's request to continue to preserve the Scout House so that our scouts can continue to serve the Concord community and make the world a better place for many more years to come.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emily Smith', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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