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To Whom It May Concern:

During the time that Carrie Hansen and Bruce Dick lived in Saratoga Springs, New York they owned three historic homes. Their first home, 658 North Broadway, was five apartments at the time they purchased the house. The 1902 Shingle style home is a contributing building to the Broadway Historic District listed on the National Register of Historic Places. They lovingly restored the beautiful home and returned it to a single-family residence. In 2009, the Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation honored their efforts with a Preservation Recognition Award.

Following the sale of their first home, Carrie and Dick purchased another historic home, 24 Fifth Avenue. The 1899 Colonial Revival house is a contributing building to the East Side Historic District, also listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Not only did they do extensive interior and exterior work to the house, they undertook a substantial rehabilitation of the carriage house. The carriage house was a costly investment that required the building to be raised to allow for a new foundation to be constructed. In 2012, the Foundation recognized their efforts with a Preservation Recognition Award.

Once completed, Carrie and Bruce undertook another rehabilitation project, 1 Fifth Avenue. The 1883 Stick style house is also a contributing building to the East Side Historic District. Again, they did extensive work to the interior and exterior.

While I cannot speak specifically about Carrie and Bruce's current project in Portland, I can speak to their past record. With all three of the projects that they have undertaken, they have made substantial investment and made an effort to preserve the character-defining features of these homes that contribute to the historic character of Saratoga Springs. Changes to modernize each property have been sensitively done and have only added to their value. In addition to completing substantial rehabilitation projects, they have graciously shared each home on the Candlelight House Tour, the Foundation's largest fundraiser.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (518) 587-5030.

Sincerely,

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