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**Re: Barker Residence  
460 Island Avenue, Peaks Island, Maine**

Dear Bill:

This letter refers to the structural conditions at the new stair opening in the existing residence. After revisions to framing in the field, I can confirm that the top plate detail at the enlarged stair opening is acceptable as-built provided that the adjacent ceiling joists (to the northwest of the opening) are continuously connected across the house to provide a load path to resist the gable rafter thrust. The ceiling joists can be connected with Simpson holddowns (e.g. DTTZ or larger) or tension straps (e.g., LSTI-21 or longer) or similar connection designed to resist the tie force.

Best Regards,  
Andy Jackson

