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To whom it may concern:

This letter is written in support of Estes Grounds Maintenance, Inc. Estes Company has been involved in several projects to restore, replace and improve the grounds and landscape of the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site over a period of 12 years. Early projects involved the removal of old shrubs, trees and plantings, reworking of the beds, curbing and a wall and planting of specific new materials. This work was extensive because an elevator had been installed just outside of the original structure and the Carriage House had been reconstructed. Curbing, bricklaying and finishing around new drainage was included in this project.

Another project at the Site was accomplished in 2007 under a Save America's Treasures Grant through the National Parks Service. Work for this grant needed to receive many approvals from various Historic Commissions. A portion of the project was accomplished outside the Home. Security spot lighting was installed on the front and both sides of the House. The brick sidewalk was rebuilt and laid in the Herring-bone pattern identified by researching historic photographs. This sidewalk circles the historic structure and has feed-in paths on all sides of the building. An additional sidewalk followed two sides of the parking lot to the entrance of a restroom facility. Heavy equipment damage to the lawn and sidewalk were repaired.

The Estes Grounds Maintenance Company has been efficient, thoughtful, careful, professional, and skillful in accomplishing our projects. We are grateful for their service and would not hesitate to involve them in another project.

Sincerely,

Phyllis D. Geeslin
President & CEO