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of Philadelphia

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Mr. John Andrew Gallery  
Executive Director  
The Preservation Alliance of Greater Philadelphia  
1616 Walnut Street, Suite 2110  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

RE: United States Naval Home

Dear Mr. Gallery:

The Design Advocacy Group of Philadelphia shares the outrage of the Preservation Alliance and of the entire region over the recent fire damage to the Naval Home, a national treasure within our midst. We believe that an event of this kind was totally foreseeable and avoidable, had Toll Brothers acted in a minimally responsible manner, or, faced with years of just the opposite behavior from Toll, had the City taken aggressive action to intervene. We can only hope that the aftermath of this event will finally spur the City into a more proactive posture.

We recognize the Preservation Alliance as the leader among the many civic and advocacy organizations demanding that this irreplaceable building be rescued, and we offer you our support. Please advise how we may be of assistance in your efforts to preserve and restore this important landmark.

Sincerely,

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