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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Mr. Frederick Green
Chairman, Madbury Planning Board
13 Town Hall Road
Madbury, NH 03823

Dear Board Members,

I write in strong support of Powder Major Farm and its efforts to conserve a historic town treasure by capitalizing on a burgeoning agritourism industry. Hosting special events and weddings at the site will highlight the intriguing past of this family farm while raising funds to preserve it for future generations to cherish.

New Hampshire is blessed with many historic landmarks, beautiful old buildings and scenic landscapes. Visitors to Powder Major Farm bear witness to each of these and experience a way of life that once drove the economy of our state. As a Madbury resident, I have visited Powder Major Farm many times, and I often share with pride the role that the farm played in a celebrated battle in our Revolutionary War. In addition to storing gunpowder used in the Battle of Bunker Hill, the farm has raised sheep, produced crops, run a lumber operation and harvested sap for maple sugaring. And, over centuries of growth and change within the town, operation of the farm remained in the capable hands of two local families – the DeMeritt family and the Goss family.

Preserving sites like Powder Major Farm help to broaden our understanding of our intricate history and deepen our appreciation of our culture and heritage. Opening the farm to special events and weddings is a creative way to share this unique story with people throughout the Seacoast and the region.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can do anything further to support Powder Major Farm.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne Shaheen".

Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator