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Evansburg State Park

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Dear Skippack Historical Society Members,

On Tuesday, October 30, 2007, the Skippack Historical Society received a new lease for the Indenhofen Farmstead in Evansburg State Park. This new lease, which was given to us during a meeting with Evansburg State Park Manager John Gribosh, has significant changes within that could be detrimental to the future of the Skippack Historical Society and the Indenhofen Farmstead.

The biggest issue in the lease is the 3,600% increase in rental fees. We have been leasing the Indenhofen Farmstead from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania since 1968 and since that time, the society has paid no more than \$1 a year for the ability to restore the historic farm. In the new 2008 Lease Agreement, the rental fees have been increased to \$300 paid monthly, resulting in \$3,600 yearly. Although it is stated that Commonwealth approved work done to the property could lower the rental fee, it takes quite some time for our organization to raise funds of that quantity. The Skippack Historical Society's average net income is about \$2,500 yearly, much lower than the yearly rent.

The requests made by the Commonwealth are extreme and unwarranted. Our organization has maintained the Indenhofen Farmstead for almost forty years to the specifications set by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. With the new Lease Agreement as written, we would have no choice but to end our relationship with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and not sign the agreement. I truly hope it does not come to this and an agreement can be reached as quickly as possible. The Skippack Historical Society Board of Directors is asking you to call or write our State Representatives, State Senator and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and ask them to assist us in our fight to save the Indenhofen Farm. Phone numbers and addresses are listed below. Thank you for your many years of support, it means the world to us.

Sincerely,

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