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Elizabeth McCall and Danny Smith  
Co-Chairs  
Historic Alexandria Resources Commission  
220 North Washington Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

RE: Vowell-Snowden-Black House, Alexandria

Dear Ms. McCall and Mr. Smith,

Thank you for your letter of October 31, 2018, received by the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) on November 13, 2018, concerning the review of work proposed at the Vowell-Snowden-Black House in Alexandria. As you know, the Board of Historic Resources (Board) holds an easement on the property. This easement, recorded in 1969 with a deed of correction recorded in 1973, is administered by DHR on behalf of the Board.

The easement is an agreement solely between the property owners and the Board. Consequently, the Board and DHR do not discuss the easement provisions, interpretation of the easement, or any proposal or review determination with outside parties.

Please know, however, that the review of all work at a property is carefully conducted in concert with the easement provisions and determinations are made accordingly. In this case, we have advised interested parties of the public process available at the local level to make their comments known.

If it would be helpful, DHR would be happy to meet to further explain how we administer our easement program and the process by which we review projects.

Again, thank you for your letter and interest in the stewardship of this important property.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie V. Langan".

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