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Mayor Erin Stewart City of New Britain 27 West Main Street - Room 404 New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Condemnation and Proposed Demolition of St. Peter Church

Dear Erin:

I_cbelieve that you are aware that a number of parishioners of the St. Peter Church oppose its demolition. Our position is that there is no basis for its demolition.

St. Peter's is listed in the National Registry of historically significant structures. The engineering basis for its demolition should be rock-solid. Our letters challenging the structural engineering report submitted by the Archdiocese have been ignored by the City.

Also, we have been unable to even obtain a copy of the proceedings leading to its condemnation. Jakob Koch went to the Building Department and was told to come back the next day during their office hours. He returned but was then told that he would not be given copies of any application, any engineering report and any decision despite the fact that the demolition of a historic building is very much a matter of public interest.

I therefore ask that either these materials be sent to me as soon as possible or that I be advised as to when Jakob can go back to the building department and pick up these materials.

To expedite this matter I can be reached by phone at 860-828-9950. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Thank you.

Yeurs truly,

Dennis L. Kern

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