

October 24, 2023

Ms. Victoria W. Smith  
Chairperson, Historic District Commission  
Town of Chestertown, Maryland  
118 N. Cross Street  
Chestertown, MD 21620

Mayor & Council

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Subject: Request for Access to Chestertown Armory for Independent Mold Remediation Survey

Dear Ms. Smith,

I write for the third time to seek your assistance in obtaining access to the Chestertown Armory for an independent mold remediation survey. I submitted this request to you via email twice last week (on October 16 and October 19, 2023), but have received no response from you.

As you know, I represent a group of concerned citizens that support Washington College's efforts to place a boutique hotel at the site of the Chestertown Armory at 509 S. Cross Street, Chestertown, Maryland. However, we are opposed to the College's desire to demolish the historic Armory to build a boutique hotel. The college's basis for demolition is its assertion that the Armory has a mold contamination that cannot be remediated. Based on my professional experience and that of others, we believe that supposition to be incorrect.

At the October 4, 2023 Historic District Commission meeting, member Michael McDowell directed that a mold remediation survey be conducted at the Armory that is independent of the oversight of the College. Our group of concerned citizens would like to offer that independent review, the results of which we will make public regardless of their content. If the Historic District Commission declines our offer, we would still like to conduct our own independent review. We have identified a qualified mold remediation firm, which is available to conduct its assessment on Friday, November 10, 2023.

Please advise as to how we may gain access to the Chestertown Armory to conduct this study on the date requested. We are also sending a letter (copy attached) to Dr. Michael Sosulski, President of Washington College, requesting the same access, but your assistance is requested. Please respond to me by no later than close of business, Friday October 27, 2023.

Please contact me regarding this request at (703) 626-8183 or [steve@lasershark.com](mailto:steve@lasershark.com).

Regards,



Steven R. Mitchell, P.E.  
112 N. Water Street  
Chestertown, MD 21620

Cc: Mr. Lawrence DiRe, Town Manager, Town of Chestertown, MD

Attachments: Letters to DiRe and Sosulski

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Dr. Michael Sosulski  
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We request access to the Armory for no more than four hours on that date. If required, our representatives will sign waivers of liability. Please provide us with a point of contact to make these arrangements. Please respond to me by no later than close of business, Friday October 27, 2023, at (703) 626-8183 or [steve@lasershark.com](mailto:steve@lasershark.com).

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