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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: G&L Capasso Restoration

Gentlepeople:

I have worked with G&L Capasso Restoration on a number of projects, and I say objectively that I have never worked with a better contractor. Their workmanship is excellent, they are knowledgeable about many areas of construction, and the office backup is also excellent.

Some of the projects on which G&L Capasso has been the contractor and we have been the architect or consultant to the prime professional are as follows, and there are more, smaller projects.

Fair Haven Middle School, New Haven, CT. Restoration of deteriorated brick masonry and associated steel framing. The performance was excellent.

Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Wiener, "Villa Candia", Greenwich, CT. Exterior restoration of a 1895 mansion designed by Carrere and Hastings. The Work included stucco repairs, tile roof repairs, sea wall reconstruction, masonry repairs, and other work. It was important that the contractor be sensitive to the historical importance of this building.

Stearns Steeple, Amherst College, Amherst, MA. Exterior restoration of an historic and much-loved building on the historic Amherst campus. The performance was excellent.

Fountain restoration, Masonic Geriatric Healthcare Center, Wallingford, CT. This was a difficult project, in that the bottom of the pool was in ruin from frost heaving, but the sides were sound. A new slab was placed over rigid insulation, and the perimeter and control joints were sealed water-tight. The performance was excellent.

Masonry restoration, Clinton Avenue School, New Haven, CT. Along with general restoration of the masonry and concrete exterior, this included reconstruction of the parapets and in-place recasting of deteriorated massive, solid cornice members, using advanced "Helifix" technology. The restored work is virtually identical to the original, and the performance was excellent.

Very truly yours,

Donald Baerman

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