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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Bill Jeffers and I am the Institutional Historian of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. I am writing the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission today to ask it to consider the property at 9234 Sandburg Avenue in Charlotte, North Carolina for study to determine whether it merits historic landmark status. The reason I ask the commission to consider this request is that the original occupant of the house, Bonnie Ethel Cone, is a figure of major local importance whose greatest legacy to Charlotte and Mecklenburg County – the University of North Carolina at Charlotte - is less than two hundred yards away from her front door.

In the course of my work at UNC Charlotte, I published my first book in 2016 which covered the tenure of Chancellor James H. Woodward from 1989-2005. I am currently working on researching and writing a draft manuscript on our current chancellor, Philip L. Dubois. Additionally, and specific to the property in question, I have begun researching the life of Bonnie Cone. The goal of this research will be to publish the first biography dedicated solely to her and her contributions to the city, region, and state. If the commission approves this request, I am willing to offer my time and research on Ms. Cone towards the survey and research report on the property.

I thank you in advance for your time and attention on this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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