

Preservation Society of Nashville 5342 Green Valley Court Nashville, TN 37220

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Metro Nashville Airport Authority Attn: Doug Kreulen 140 BNA Park Drive, Suite 250 Nashville, TN 37214

RE: Colemere Estate and Section 106 Review

Ms. Stevenson, Dr. Glover, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Granbery, Mr. Joslin, Ms. Sullivan, and Mr. Kreulen:

The <u>Preservation Society of Nashville</u> is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit historic preservation organization dedicated to protecting and championing Nashville's unique stories, neighborhoods, and architecture. We also understand and appreciate the growth and economic vitality of Nashville. It's through this lens that we reach out to you today. As the owner of the historic Colemere Estate at 1400 Murfreesboro Pike, Nashville, TN 37217, the Metro Nashville Airport Authority (MNAA) is the steward of important historic resources in our community.

It's our understanding that the historic Colemere building may not be able remain at its current location due to an existing runway extension project, per FAA requirements. As such, we urge MNAA's thoughtful and transparent pursuance of the review process for historic resources, as outlined in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. We encourage MNAA to consult with the <u>Tennessee Historical Commission</u> (THC) as soon as possible as they will help facilitate this review process.

The Preservation Society of Nashville, many Metro Council members, and the community at large are closely following your next steps with this property. This is an opportunity for MNAA to support Nashville's growth for the future while honoring the city's past – something each of your fellow Nashvillians and constituents will respect and value.

If we can be of any support during this process, please reach out to us.

Sincerely, Preservation Society of Nashville Board of Directors

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