



NATIONAL ROAD
HERITAGE
FOUNDATION

June 28, 2023

Dear Mayor Howard Long & Members of the Town Council:

For many years, the National Road Heritage Foundation (NRHF) has been instrumental in preserving and promoting the history of Boonsboro and the region's transportation history. With the addition of new board members, we have successfully secured funds to finalize the National Road Museum's exhibit design, reopened the Trolley Station Museum to the community and visiting public, and launched a successful lecture series that draws guests from across the region.

Thanks to several grants specifically for exhibit installation, we are poised to become the only museum in Maryland dedicated to showcasing the historic significance of "the road that built the nation," including the vital role Boonsboro played in its construction and use. We plan to open our doors, on a limited but regular basis, so the public can experience the National Road's stories and artifacts.

Despite our progress thus far and our successes in raising funds for exhibits, we are at a crossroads with being able to continue our mission. By September 1, 2023, the NRHF will lack the operating funds to pay for utilities, insurance, and repairs for the National Road Museum or the Boonsboro Trolley Station Museum. Consequently, we are asking for assistance from the Boonsboro Mayor and Council. We would like to meet to discuss any available options and are requesting a spot on the July 10 workshop meeting agenda.

On behalf of the NRHF, we thank you for your time and look forward to working with you to find a means of moving forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Keesecker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'R' at the beginning.

Richard Keesecker

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