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To the City Council of Concord, NH,

Buntin-Rumford-Webster Chapter, DAR has taken great pride in caring for the Old Fort Cemetery on Shawmut Street since 2014. Over the past 12 years we have developed a strong partnership with the City of Concord Cemetery Department. We have worked with them to install a marker and flagpole. We clean headstones on an annual basis and plant flowers each spring. Since 2014, our chapter has been the Location Coordinator for Wreaths Across America for this cemetery. We are responsible for holding the Wreaths Across America Day ceremony and coordinating the placement of wreaths on the graves of the 32 veterans buried there. We have placed flags on the graves for Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Veterans Day. As you know, this hallowed ground dates back to the Revolutionary War era. The 13 Revolutionary War soldiers buried there hold a special place in our hearts.

The fence at the front of Old Fort Cemetery dates back to circa early-1800s. Through the years, and our harsh New England winters, we have seen continuous damage to the fence that exists as the only barrier between the gravestones and the busy road. The fence is rusted, damaged, missing parts and structurally deteriorated. Through a meeting with Mike Andosca and Laura Bryant, we have been made aware that city funds are not available to provide full restoration. Our chapter has chosen to make full restoration of the iron fence our service project. We have secured a quote through Macy Industries, the restoration company that has restored other Concord cemetery fences of the same era. The quote is for \$6,700 and is good through September 2026. To date, our DAR chapter has raised \$5,004, with a remaining sum of \$1,696 needed to complete this project. We are certain we can raise the remaining funds in time.

In this 250th year of our nation, it is fitting to restore the fence protecting the final resting place of our Revolutionary War soldiers. We ask for your approval to move forward with this important project once we have the \$6,700 in funds..

Respectfully submitted,

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