

THE THEODORE BURR COVERED BRIDGE SOCIETY
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To Whom It May Concern:

It has recently come to the attention of this Society that P. Joseph Lehman, Inc., Consulting Engineers, of Hollidaysburg, PA, is included on a short list of prospective firms to engineer the design of the modern replacement bridge and the replica covered bridge at the site of the former Risser's Mill Covered Bridge in Lancaster County, PA arsoned on July 8, 2002. The Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society of PA, Inc., acknowledges and highly recommends the consulting engineers of P. Joseph Lehman, Inc., for their skills and expertise demonstrated in the engineering design of rehabilitation of several covered bridges in the Bedford County, PA area and its current analysis and ongoing design of our state's longest remaining covered bridge, the two-span Academia/Pomeroy Bridge (278 ft. in length) near Port Royal, PA in Juniata County.

One of these covered bridges in Bedford County, the Ryot Covered Bridge was rehabilitated in 1996 only to be destroyed by a similar arson in August 2002. P. Joseph Lehman, Inc., had designed the rehabilitation of the original bridge and because of their experience, familiarity, and expertise, was again awarded the design of the replacement covered bridge which was dedicated with ceremony in 2004. The new covered bridge which carries local traffic is a near duplicate of the original and carries on the covered bridge tradition for this history conscience county.

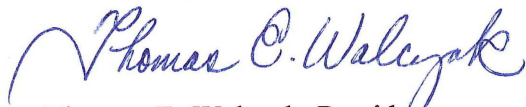
P. Joseph Lehman, Inc., with its close attention to detail and expert knowledge, has demonstrated rehabilitation projects which carefully blend modern techniques, materials, and engineering principles, with old-time craftsmanship resulting in projects which do not aesthetically detract from the historic integrity of the covered bridge while trying to preserve the original historic components as much as possible. All the while the safety of the traveling public is of utmost importance. Each covered bridge is unique with its individual characteristics and engineering details with no prefabricated method to promote a quick-fix solution. P. Joseph Lehman, Inc., skillfully tackles these challenges and offers sound, well thought out engineering solutions.

Founded in 1959, The Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society of PA, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of our State's remaining historic covered bridges. The Society works diligently to encourage State and local governments, historical societies, civic groups, and private individuals to preserve, protect, and maintain these treasured landmarks of our Commonwealth's rich transportation heritage. Tourism being the second largest industry in Pennsylvania, covered bridges contribute significantly to the State and local economy. By preserving Pennsylvania's covered bridge heritage, we not only honor our forefathers' courage, hard work, determination, and craftsmanship, but we

also support our present economic status and provide functional, tangible examples of man's practical and creative skills for future generations to learn from and enjoy.

Thank you for your careful consideration of P. Joseph Lehman, Inc., Consulting Engineers, for the modern replacement bridge and covered bridge replication of the Risser's Mill Covered Bridge in Lancaster County, PA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas E. Walczak". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'T'.

Thomas E. Walczak, President
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