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Marion Blake
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Dear Ms Blake:

I want to thank you for showing me the wonderful environment built by Grover Cleveland Thompson. As I mentioned, I had heard about the site for many years, it is quite famous all over the country. I'm glad I finally got to Phoenix to see it. It is certainly a major American site. It must be a treat ~~it must be~~ to live on the property. I came to your neighborhood a bit before our appointment and talked to a number of people in the community and found the businessmen and other residents equally appreciative of Mr. Thompson's work and your ~~concern~~ ^{maintenance} for the property.

I was quite concerned to learn of the proposed street work in your area and the possible destruction of a section of the site. I believe you should immediately alert your council person as well as the Phoenix Arts Commission about possible damage to a Phoenix treasure. At this stage it might only mean the simple adjustment of a portion of a draft proposal.

If that is not the case I know you have the support of the local art community plus national support of those interested in this phenomena to fight such a ill advised "improvement". Needless to say your neighbors would also not want any damage caused to the site.

When you supply me with the information on Mr. Thompson we discussed I will, as promised, write those letters towards nomination of this site for local and state historic and arts status and for its addition to the Arizona State Historic Property Inventory.

On behalf of SPACES I want to thank you for your concern and interest in the restoration and preservation of a major piece of American art.

My best.

Sincerely,

Seymour Rosen
Director