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Mr. Jim Parks
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Dear Mr. Parks:

On behalf of Arlington County's Historic Preservation Program, I wanted to take a moment to commend two of your employees – Shane Sautter and Don Coffel. Two weeks ago, they were involved in the demolition of a historic house located at 5200 12th Street South in the Columbia Forest neighborhood of Arlington. The house was a rare example of Arlington's architectural history, being one of seven remaining prefabricated metal houses in the County. Known as a Lustron house, it was made entirely of all porcelain enamel panels – inside and out. It was one of only 2,500 Lustrons built in the entire nation in the late-1940s.

The current owners had given our office permission to salvage parts of the house prior to its demolition. Fortunately I was able to be on site on demolition day and captured most of the action with our digital camera. But just as importantly, we were able to salvage additional pieces from the building during demolition, thanks to the patience and willingness of Mr. Sautter and Mr. Coffel. Both Mr. Sautter and Mr. Coffel should be commended for their superior customer service.

As a preservationist, I am usually not an avid supporter of demolition efforts. But after this positive experience with your crew, I will highly recommend Tysons Service Corporation to anyone who inquires about demolition contractors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cynthia Liccese-Torres".

Cynthia Liccese-Torres
Historic Preservation Planner