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Attn: Office of Historic Preservation
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Re: National Register of Historic Places Nomination for
Pereira Octagon Barn - November 8, 2013

Dear Dr. Roland-Nawi:

We write to express our strong support of placing the Pereira Octagon Barn on the National Register of Historic Places at your November 8, 2013 meeting.

The Pereira Octagon Barn (the "Barn") in San Luis Obispo County, one of only two octagonal barns in California, is considered by many people in our County to be the most significant and highly visible symbol of our deep historical roots in agriculture.

Dairy farming was a major industry in San Luis Obispo following the Civil War, and in 1906 the Barn was constructed and served as a dairy barn for over 50 years. Its chain of title shows that the property appurtenant to the Barn has been owned and/or operated by members of the major immigrant groups that had a significant hand in shaping the post-Civil War economy and culture of San Luis Obispo, such as Azorean Portuguese and Swiss Italians.

In addition to its unique architectural and historical significance, the Pereira Octagon Barn is extremely accessible and visible to the public as it is prominently located on one of our County's major viewshed corridors. Its ideal location and extensively documented history, that of which is unmatched by any other historical barn in San Luis Obispo, has enabled the general public to learn about and share in its rich historical and agricultural significance through tours, talks, exhibits, and special events.

To this end, we ask that you add the Pereira Octagon Barn to the National Register of Historic Places and help preserve the heritage of San Luis Obispo County and the State of California. Thank you for considering this property as a National Historic Landmark.

Sincerely,

BRUCE GIBSON
Acting Chairperson