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To whom this may concern,

We are students from Central York High School in York, Pennsylvania and we are in a class called Apollo. Apollo is a class combining history, english, and art to learn on our own with the help of our teachers. Our project is about a local place in York called Camp Security. Being a local from York, we believe that the land is sacred to the people and by preserving it and making it into a national park, would make the history last. We want to find a way to preserve the land with the evidence from Friends of Camp Security (F.O.C.S) and York Historical Society, the preservation that has been done by the members of F.O.C.S, and reasons why it should join the other 150+ preserved war sites.

Camp Security was a prisoner-of-war camp back in the late 1700s. It started in 1781 and concluded in 1783 when the revolutionary war was over. The jail housed thousands of prisoners. Also, many people that were passing by were taken to the camp or prisoners were being traded back and forth. The area consisted of log huts and large stockades, so that the families could live there too. It was one of the best guarded camps in many surrounding states, due to the prison guards. The guards that worked at the camp were all locals from York and only a few Continental troops until operations ceased in 1783. When Camp Security began to shut down, prisoners were granted land in Canada in exchange for their time in prison, while some remained in York and settled down with their family. The farmhouse on the site still remains, although was purchased by Walters. History remains on land as archaeology digs were done in 2014 to find any historical artifacts. Preserving this land will hold the history of this war camp forever.

A foundation called Friends of Camp Security has taken over the park to try and help preserve the land. They have raised funds, done archaeological digs, and spent many many hours of their time away from family for the park. F.O.C.S started a website in 2014 to write newsletters and to show their work on how they've been trying to preserve the land throughout the years. On the site, they have a preservation timeline taking a looking on their efforts from 1979 to present day. Many people from all over the world have seen their website and not just historians, but other people who also believe that the land has important history and should be preserved as well.

Many historical landmarks have been preserved, leaving Camp Security to be one of the parks from the revolutionary war that has not preserved. It is important that we preserve this land so the history can remain untouched. This prison site holds a lot of history to many locals in York, as well as others from around the world. Campaigns and national trusts for saving and preserving other historical landmarks have been made. Why can't we do the same for Camp Security that holds a lot of value to people? The Friends Of Camp Security has done a lot to help the preservation process, and for you, the National Park Service, to help us finish our lead to preserving will make a huge difference in the community.

In conclusion, there is more than enough evidence to support why Camp Security should become a national park. With the evidence from Friends of Camp Security, what they've done to preserve the land, and their research, it is apparent that the land has just as much to join the other 150+ national parks. Friends of Camp Security has done all they can accomplish with the level of help they've received through the county, but now there needs to be more effort to help persevere the land. That is where becoming a national park would be the best choice to save as much of the history as possible and that the people of York will have something to be proud of, even if it was hundreds of years ago.

Thank you,

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