TOWN OF GROTON

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February 8, 2002

John W. Shannahan, Director
Connecticut Historical Commission
59 South Prospect Street
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: National Register of Historic Places, Avery Point Lighthouse

Dear Mr. Shannahan:

The Avery Point Lighthouse is located on the University of Connecticut Campus at Avery Point which is in the Town of Groton. The Groton Town Council has gone on record in support of the restoration of this historic structure. The Avery Point Lighthouse Society (APLS) has actively pursued being placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The APLS has requested this letter of support from the Town.

On behalf of the Town Council and citizens of the Town of Groton, I endorse and support the placement of the Avery Point Lighthouse on the National Register of Historic Places. It is my understanding that the State Historic Preservation Board will consider the nomination of the Avery Point Lighthouse at their February meeting next week. Please add this letter of support to those already received.

As part of the review and approval process for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, the Groton Historic District Commission has also reviewed the nomination and is recommending inclusion in the National Register. A separate packet of information from the Groton Historic District Commission has been forwarded to your office. That packet also includes the appropriate official forms and supporting materials including the Chief Elected Official's Comment Form.

We are excited about the prospect of having the Avery Point Lighthouse included on the National Register of Historic Places. Please convey our sentiments to the State Historic Preservation Board.

Sincerely,

Frank O'Beirne, Jr.
Mayor

FO:mw
C: Town Council
Historic District Commission
James Streeter
Michael Murphy, Assistant Director of Planning and Development

Certified Local Government Program

Chief Elected Official's Comment Form

for Nominations to the

National Register of Historic Places

District/Property Name: Avery Point Lighthouse

Address (for individual nomination): 1084 Shennecossett Road

Groton, CT 06340

As the Chief Elected Official for Town of Groton
(Name of Municipality)

I hereby

X approve

_____ do not approve

of the submission by the State Historic Preservation Officer of the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form for the district/property noted above to the National Park Service for review and listing of the resource on the National Register of Historic Places.

Name Frank O'Beirne, Jr. Title Mayor

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Date