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To the International Dark Sky Association:

It is the pleasure of the Grant Township Board, Keweenaw County Michigan, to support the nomination of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, the celebrated jewel of Grant Township, to receive recognition as a Dark Sky Park.

The historic Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, built by the WPA (Works Progress Administration) during the depths of the depression, is a designated Michigan State Historic Site and on the National Register of Historic Places. Nestled among topography that is reminiscent of mountainous northern New England, the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge is cradled by remote boreal forests, the deep waters of Lake Superior, and time worn conglomerate peaks. The ruggedness and natural beauty of the area has attracted visitors for generations to experience one of the most unique and treasured corners of the Midwest.

Known for the beauty of its intense Northern Light and Milky Way displays, the direct area surrounding the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge has long benefited from the Night Sky Tourism industry. With the advent of Night Sky Predictor Apps, visitors flock to the tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula to view the wonders the night holds. Set against the backdrop of passing freighters far out on the lake and nearly pristine dark skies, the viewing wonders of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge and the surrounding area is truly a breath-taking adventure.

Receiving the Dark Sky Park recognition would be a great honor for the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, one that will involve in-depth education and local preservation focus. The Keweenaw Mountain Lodge team has the drive, ambition, and passion to accept and foster a coveted Night Sky Park Designation to maintain and preserve the unique Upper Peninsula night sky viewing for generations yet to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "S. Wendt", is written over a horizontal line.

Scott Wendt, Grant Township Supervisor

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