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Dear Historical Landmark Commission,

Thank you for your consideration of relocating the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Dessau to Pioneer Farms. I am **in favor** of relocation of the church to Pioneer Farms.

We cannot delay the relocation any longer. The building is deteriorating as it sits and waits for a decision to be made. The proposed project of moving the church has been delayed for three years and the church is at increasing risk at its current site. The little church is an open invitation for vandalism. There is a tremendous amount of development going on around the building. It is getting eaten up by urban sprawl. How can it survive in it's current location? The longer we wait, the harder it will be to move. Then the argument will be, "Oh, it's just too hard to move it, now."

We must preserve our Texas history! This building is a beautiful replica of the religious values of the early German settlers in Central Texas. So many people in our country now want to do away with our history. Here is a chance to save a remnant of our Texas history for future generations.

We have a wonderful opportunity to move the church to a safe location, Pioneer Farms, next to the cabin of Frederick Kruger, one of the builders. In this location, everyone will have the opportunity to come and learn of the life of the 1800s, to see how people in the 1800s lived, and to appreciate the hard work it took just to live back in those days. The church contains a deep history in this area, including information that other congregations of early settlers, including Freedmen, once met there. Thank you for your devotion to saving our historical landmarks in Texas and for your consideration. We must save our history when and where we can! My family thanks you!

Sincerely, Deborah Combest

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