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Ms. Shonaig MacPherson, Chairman
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Dear Miss MacPherson:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors, Officers and members of the International Association of Clan MacInnes to share our concern regarding the Appin Regiment marker at the site of the Battle of Culloden. We have learned that the National Trust for Scotland has made the decision to identify the Appin Regiment as "The Appin Regiment- Stewarts of Appin and MacLaren." This statement gives the impression that the Appin Regiment was composed of only two clans, Stewart of Appin and MacLaren. The historic record accurately tells us that members of Clans McColl, Carmichael, Livingstone, MacInnes, MacCombich and Buchanan also followed Charles Stewart of Ardsheal, the leader of the Appin Regiment. We believe that to ignore the sacrifice of these Clansmen, some of whom died in battle and are buried at Culloden, is an affront to their memory.

This tragic Battle and its aftermath was a defining moment for Scotland. On that day life changed dramatically for the Clans and their descendants. Now for better or worse, that moment has been burned into their souls. To millions of ethnic Scots Culloden is sacred ground. Culloden is not a castle ruin that needs to be protected from the ravages of time and weather. What cries out for protection is something much more vulnerable than a castle rampart. On that awful day a way of life died and those who survived were shown no quarter.

In the name of kinship and solidarity please honor the sacrifice of our brave ancestors who were killed or wounded in that terrible hour by simply adding their Clan appellation to the Appin Regiment marker in the field. As a people we are responsible for their memory, we should accept no less.

The Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs has declared 2009 "The Year of the Homecoming" for affinity Scots the world over. The children of the Scottish Diaspora will be encouraged to visit their ancestral homeland. For some it will be for the first time. As people will do, they will probably look for their own family name among the markers. We hope you will agree that their ancestors should not be forgotten in their homeland.

In anticipation that we may meet with you directly to discuss our concerns our International Vice President Colin McInnes and members of our Scottish Council will be contacting your office for an

appointment. We are deeply appreciative of the work of The National Trust in the preservation of the history, culture and character of Scotland. We remain hopeful that we can resolve this issue with mutual understanding and generosity.

Sincerely yours,

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