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Dear Mr. Decarli,

I'm writing on behalf of The Bevin House and Dean Brown's application to hold outside events.

I was there in December 2019 to meet a friend who was staying in CT for a few days. It was my first time at The Bevin House and I was quite taken by the stunning, historical decor. Until that moment I knew nothing about The Bevin House, the family owned Bevin Bells or their impact on "Bell Town" and the many types of bells they've supplied around the world. The Christmas decorations on each floor of the B&B were beautiful and I mentioned how cool it would be if children could visit with Santa in such wonderful, old fashioned surroundings. It was then I was told by Dean that such gatherings aren't allowed at the B&B. I was very surprised and disappointed. If it weren't for my friend coming to CT this past Christmas I wouldn't have had an opportunity to visit The Bevin House. I'm a resident of Branford, CT and haven't much reason to book a room in a state where I already live.

I feel there is great value in opening the Bevin House to outside and inside events. It's so much more than a B&B. I'd love to attend an event at this historical home whether it be a tour of the B&B, wine tasting, a small reception of some kind or a holiday gathering. Not only would The Bevin House

benefit but East Hampton businesses would as well. There are many quaint New England towns I've visited over the years but East Hampton hasn't been one of them. If The Bevin House were allowed to host interesting and fun events, I'd certainly visit your town more often.

Regards,

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