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To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that I was called in to inspect the overall condition of 7 (seven) Pin Oak trees (*Quercus palustris*) by Mr. Pat DeSalvo of the Manasquan Shade Tree Commission. I am Certified Tree Expert #0379 as well as an I.S.A. Certified Arborist # NJ0230. It is in my opinion that there were noticeable improper and negligent tree care practices that were performed by utility companies, throughout the years. This negligence was the cause of the decline of structural integrity. Our findings were based upon visual evidence, expert knowledge, and years of exposure to this species. A sounding device, decay measurements and weight distribution factors were a determining factor in my findings. There was evidence of extensive decay patterns and cracks in each tree.

Following please find our assessment and evaluation of each tree:

29 Virginia Avenue, Manasquan: noted were 3 (three) pin oaks in the front of the property. From left to right a 12" caliper a 32" caliper and a 19" caliper, these trees are at a 25% structural loss, based upon our assessment these trees should be removed due to improper pruning and poor main scaffold limb development.

57 Virginia Avenue, Manasquan: noted was 1 (one) 21" caliper to the immediate right of the driveway, this tree is at a 25% structural loss and its removal is questionable, based upon our assessment we are recommending close monitoring of the tree. Falkinburgs Tree Expert will not be responsible or held harmless for its outcome.

61 Virginia Avenue, Manasquan: noted were 3 (three) pin oaks in the front of the property. From left, on the left side of ther driveway, 1 (one) 25" caliper with 40% structural loss and 2 (two) 27" caliper on the right side of the driveway with 30+% structural loss, based upon our assessment these trees should be removed due to improper pruning and poor main scaffold limb development.

