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Thanks for your Consideration,

#### Statement of Intent

Robert and Cynthia Akers and the Staff at Capitol Management with our new and old additions to the community in the Hospitality business and in keeping with the patriotic theme that we have in our city, have a desire to erect a statue to represent their commitment and appreciation to the people of and visiting the black hills. the dedication shall read "**Give me your tired Poor and huddled masses yearning to Breathe Free**"

In reading this we thought what better way to express our feeling of appreciation and in keeping with the hospitality theme as well as Rapid City's patriotic theme, The Statue of Liberty fit like a glove. what better way to show the people of the cities on other states and countries that travel to see the Black Hills, that we appreciate them we want them to experience our way of life & "**Breathe Free**" We want them to continue to let us be their get away to a freedom that we enjoy everyday and they can experience at their leisure even if only for a moment. We are proud of our community and the Black Hills and would respectfully request that this amendment be approved.

Please also note that we are not exceeding any design criteria to allow this to be a minor amendment but recognize the directors desire to put this before P&Z for their blessing. So in summary, We desire permission to erect this monument for the reasons stated above and will meet any and all requirements for height, lighting, setbacks etc. The statue will be erected on a engineered structure and submitted with a PE approved plan.

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