



# MYSTIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Pfizer Contributions Committee  
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To the Pfizer Contributions Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Avery Point Lighthouse Society, the group that is raising money to restore the last lighthouse built in Connecticut, and the only one in the country built as a memorial to lighthouse keepers.

The light stands on the University of Connecticut's Avery Point campus and was built in either 1941 or 1943 by the U.S. Coast Guard which occupied the site during World War II. The low-powered beacon atop its octagonal tower remained in use until the Coast Guard closed its training center in 1967.

UConn officials have warned that the deteriorating concrete brick structure is a safety hazard and many of us in the community are concerned it will be razed. The cost of restoration was estimated two years ago at \$75,000.

I am hopeful you will consider contributing to this worthy cause - as a landmark both on the sea and land - it has become a treasured part of our maritime heritage. We are a community of guardians entrusted with preservation of such historic landmarks for the future, and I hope you will join me in taking on this project.

Sincerely,

Linnea Lindstrom  
Executive Director