

To Governor of Samara region
Mr. D.I. Azarov

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Dear Mister Azarov,

Hereby we would like to draw your attention to the preservation of a unique industrial facility in the historic section of Samara city, close to the junction of the Samara and the Volga rivers. It is the so-called "Two towers" or "Elevator" silo building, completed in 1980. At a height of 65 meters, this is an outstanding example of Soviet engineering, the first vertical grain elevator in the Soviet Union, the first building in the country, built using the sliding concrete formwork.

The "Two towers" is also a key landmark on the city's skyline and a very important symbol of its history. Samara has been recognized as the "industrial bread center" of Russia in the XIXth century. The city is also known for its textile mills, active until the recent decades.

The building is yet to be registered as a monument and an example of modernist architecture. This makes its preservation very difficult. We would like to recommend carrying out an independent technical expertise of the building conditions and develop an appropriate course of action for the restoration based on new functions. There are many successful examples of historic preservation and reuse of grain silo facilities.

We hope to see the Grain Elevator restored and used for new functions, contributing to the unique identity of Samara.

Yours sincerely,



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