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Re: Review of Proposed First-Floor Framing Reinforcement — 42 Meadowrun Drive, Cameron, NC 28326

Mr. Smalls,

At your request, Stonewall Structural Engineering, PLLC (Stonewall) was consulted to review and provide recommendations for first-floor framing reinforcement proposed by Tar Heel Basement Systems at the above referenced address. The purpose of the proposed first-floor framing reinforcement is to address issues observed by Tar Heel Basement Systems while on-site October 16, 2025.

Conditions Evaluated

Based on the information provided by Tar Heel Basement Systems, we understand the subject structure to be a conventionally framed, detached, single-family residence with raised first-floor framing over a pier/girder foundation system with perimeter masonry foundation walls (*see pictures 1-2*). Indicators such as “left,” “right,” “front,” and “back” are referenced as viewing the front of the home.



Picture 1 – Front of home (42 Meadowrun Drive, Cameron, NC 28326)



Picture 2 – Typical crawlspace conditions and first-floor framing

The following issues were reported by Tar Heel Basement Systems:

1. Uneven floors were reported in the front-left section of the home.
 - a. It was reported that the leftmost (3) masonry piers along the front girder had settled and were out-of-contact with the girder (*see pictures 3-4 for examples*).

In order to address the issues noted above, Tar Heel Basement Systems has proposed the following first-floor framing reinforcement:

1. Three (3) IntelliJack supports are to be installed within the leftmost (3) girder spans of the front girder.
 - a. The reported out-of-contact masonry piers are to be shimmed back into contact with the girder.



Picture 3 – Out-of-contact masonry pier



Picture 4 – Out-of-contact masonry pier

Engineering Assessment and Recommendations

The above-reported uneven floors have likely been the result of differential settlement of the interior masonry piers due to inadequate management of moisture in the crawlspace. Cyclical changes between excessively wet and excessively dry crawlspace soils can cause differential settlement to occur as parts of the structure settle at faster rates than others. This can ultimately result in short-term cosmetic damage and long-term structural damage if drainage around the structure and within the crawlspace is not properly managed.

Based on our review of the information provided, the proposed first-floor framing reinforcement is recommended to be installed as follows:

1. Reinforce each girder bay using an IntelliJack support on a well-compacted 18"x18"x18" gravel footing. Jacks should be located within the middle 1/3 of each girder span and at the approximate locations shown in the attached repair schematic (*see details 1 & 2*).
 - a. The adjacent masonry piers should be shimmed into full contact with the girder above using full-width, treated 2x or steel shim material.

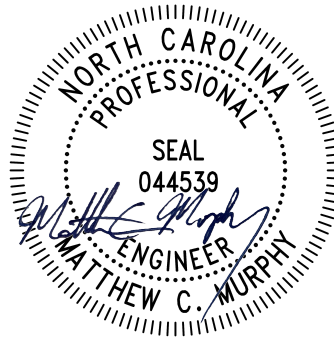
General Comments and Limitations

The determinations above were made in accordance with common engineering principles and the intent of the 2018 edition of the *North Carolina Residential Building Code*. Our review and assessment of the proposed reinforcement(s)/foundation repair(s) was limited to the information provided by Tar Heel Basement Systems, and Stonewall was not consulted to visit the subject project site. As such, Stonewall is not liable for any issues arising beyond the scope of information provided to Stonewall. Should additional information become available, or if site conditions are found to vary from those reported, Stonewall is to be notified and consulted regarding possible impacts to the structure's integrity and/or the effectiveness of the recommendations presented.

Sequencing, and means and methods of construction are considered to be beyond the scope of this report. A qualified contractor is to provide adequate temporary shoring prior to cutting or removing any structural load-bearing elements. All work is to conform to applicable provisions of current building standards. Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

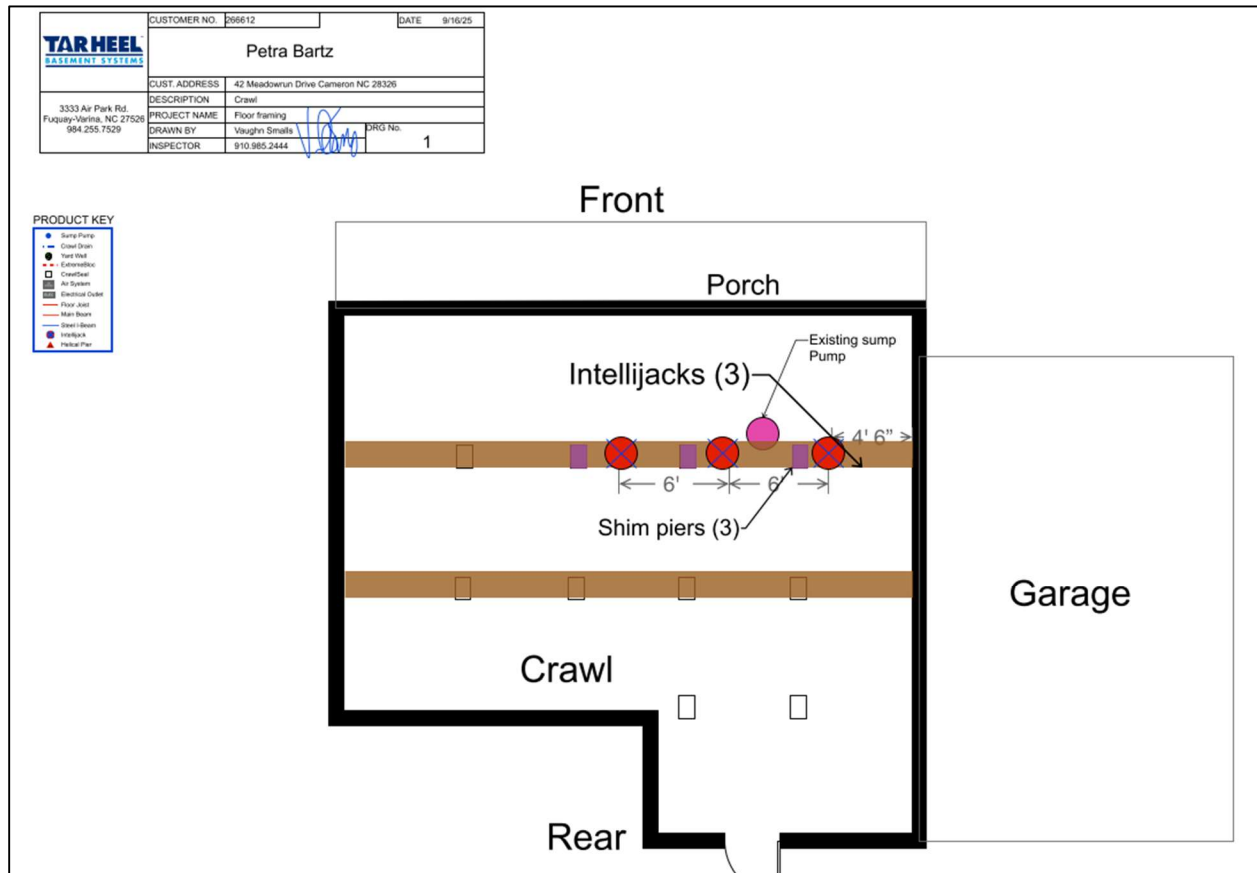
Sincerely,

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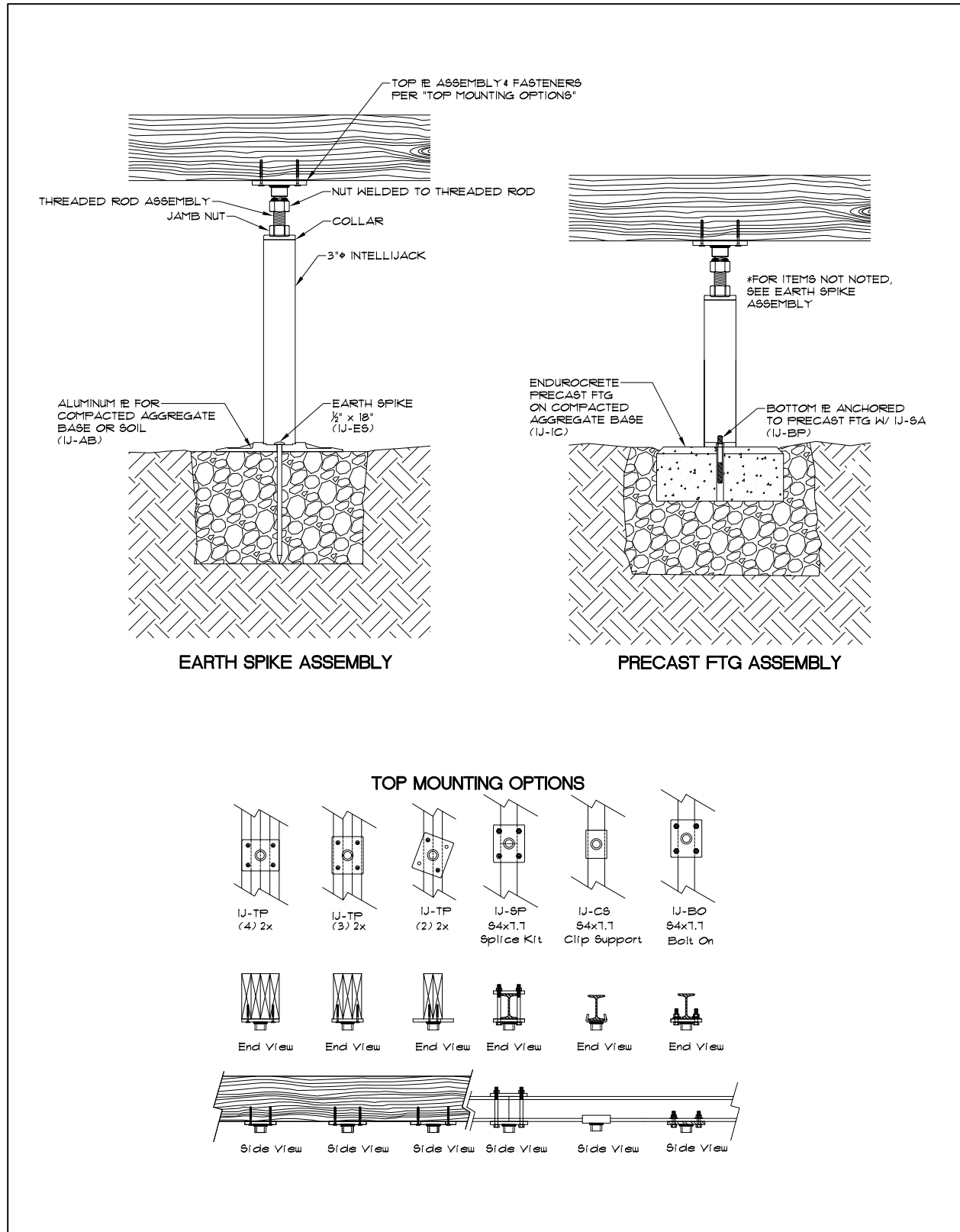


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DETAIL ADDENDUM



*Detail 1 – Repair Schematic
(Provided by Tar Heel Basement Systems)*



Detail 2 – IntelliJack Installation Specifications