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The Appropriations Committee
Connecticut State Legislators
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT

RE: Historic Preservation in Connecticut

Dear Committee Members,

Principals

Kenneth Gibble, P.E.
James F. Norden, P.E.
Laura E. Champion, P.E.
Charles C. Brown, P.E.

Geotechnical Associate

David L. Freed, P.E.

As an employer of design professionals in the field of Historic Preservation, I am in the position to state how vital your funding has been to my firm and the work we do here in Connecticut. Over the past six years, the Trust has passed on public grant funds to pay for our design services which have had a great impact on our local communities and our state in the following ways:

- Direct benefit of keeping my staff employed to provide important Historic Preservation services for over 50 needed and worthwhile projects.
- The taxes paid by my employees and my business corporation have directly benefited the state and our government.
- Historic Preservation projects designed by GNCB go directly to public bidding and into construction thereby generating more jobs in the state and directly bolstering our state's economy.
- Historic sites in Connecticut form a vital base for our state's tourist attraction industry thus bring more dollars to our economic base.
- Adding true value to the preservation of our proud historic past by maintaining and enhancing our valued built environment to be enjoyed by all our citizen's and to contribute to the important education of our children.

In short, Historic Preservation and it's advancement in America and more directly, in Connecticut, is a direct sign of our citizens recognizing and valuing our heritage and the desire to keep it alive as a valuable national asset.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James F. Norden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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