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Dr. Karen Spence, Director
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Dear Director Spence:

As the director of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) and as the State Historic Preservation Officer, I am writing to enthusiastically support the Mississippi State University School of Architecture's historic preservation minor program.

Founded in 1902, MDAH is the nation's second-oldest comprehensive state historical agency. We administer all of the state and federal historic preservation programs, including technical assistance, tax credits, and grants. A historic preservation program at one of our flagship universities has been long needed and will greatly enhance Mississippi's historic preservation effort, allowing students to engage with local historical architecture, become leaders in the preservation field, and emerge as professionals in this area. Furthermore, this minor program will strengthen MDAH's connection with MSU as we develop academic and professional relationships with students.

Mississippi State University is an outstanding steward of preservation on its historic campus, and the School of Architecture is the ideal setting for a historic preservation program certified by the National Council for Preservation Education. I fully support this application.

Sincerely,

Katie Blount

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Director

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