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Carole Moore
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Dear Ms. Moore:

As the Chairman of the City Commission, I am in support of the City's Georgia Heritage Grant Program Development Project application.

The City Commission understands the vital need for the renovation of Griffin's City Hall building. One of the avenues the City utilized in raising awareness of this irreplaceable structure was to apply for and receive listing on The Georgia Trust 2014 Places in Peril. As part of the Places in Peril application, the roof condition was identified as "the most immediate and substantial threat to the building". Problems identified for the roof were leaks and subsequent water damage to the point that could compromise the structural integrity of the roof if not addressed. The City covered a portion of the roof with a tarp. Unfortunately, the tarp protection has been ineffective within strong wind and heavy rain conditions. The proposed work will allow the installation of a more substantial and efficient transitional measure to mitigate future water damage.

Most recent on July 8, 2014, the structure was approved to be included on the Spalding County Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) project list. The SPLOST referendum will be decided upon by the public in November 2014.

The members of the governing body of the City of Griffin fully support the City's endeavor to participate in the Georgia Heritage Grant Program Development Project and appreciate the opportunity to be proactive in this pivotal phase of the building's preservation.

Sincerely,

Ryan McLemore, Chairman
City of Griffin City Commission

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