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Ms. Mary Downs  
Project Coordinator, Preservation Assistance Grants  
Division of Preservation and Access, Room 411  
National Endowment for the Humanities  
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Ms. Mary Downs:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for a proposal from the Mission Inn Foundation and Museum located in Riverside, California for a Preservation Assistance Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Mission Inn Foundation and Museum is an important steward of local history in the Inland area of California. Their robust collection of artifacts consists of Native American basketry, Arts & Crafts period furniture, statuary, and other objects that capture the past lives of members of the Riverside community. However, the Mission Inn Foundation and Museum has the unique task of preserving and sharing these artifacts within the setting of a working hotel.

This is why the Mission Inn Foundation and Museum is requesting a Preservation Assistance Grant to hire a consultant from the Balboa Art Conservation Center to help them conduct a preservation assessment of their current onsite collections storage space, help plan a new storage facility, and to train volunteers to properly care for their collection of artifacts. I fully support and commend their efforts to carefully maintain their collection for future generations to enjoy.

I share your strong commitment to helping small institutions improve their capacity to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. Your full and fair consideration of this request with current laws, rules, regulations and agency policy will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Takano".

Mark Takano  
Member of Congress