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Ms. Mary Donohue
CT Commission on Culture and Tourism
One Constitution Plaza, Second Floor
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Dear Ms. Donohue,

I write this letter in support of the Town of Preston's request for grant assistance through the Endangered Buildings Fund and through the Survey and Planning fund for the redevelopment of the Norwich State Hospital Property. Preston's application detailed the necessity and benefits of funding such a project. I endorse the town's submission, and request that this application be given all due consideration for full funding.

The Town of Preston received the title to the Norwich State Hospital Property, a National Historic Register site, in March of 2009, with plans to assess and rehabilitate the Administration, AWL, and Salmon buildings. These buildings are historically and architecturally significant, and the town's desire to see them preserved is well founded.

I thank the Commission on Culture and Tourism for administering these important grants, and I hope that you will give the Town of Preston's application full and fair consideration for funding. If I can be of any further assistance to Preston's application, please do not hesitate to contact Ellen Paul of my Norwich, Connecticut District Office. Ms. Paul may be reached at 860-886-0139.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best Wishes,

JOE COURTNEY
Member of Congress