

September 20, 2021

The Honorable Joe Manchin
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Barrasso
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Manchin and Ranking Member Barrasso:

As members of organizations dedicated to historic preservation, we are pleased to urge Senate confirmation of Professor Sara Bronin as Chair of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP).

Our organizations represent thousands of archaeologists, cultural resource management specialists, historians, historic preservationists, and anthropologists with a long-standing history of working directly with the ACHP to identify, document, and protect America's cultural and historic resources. We believe that Professor Bronin's experience and background make her exceptionally well-qualified to lead the ACHP.

A Rhodes scholar, graduate of Yale Law School, Professor of the Cornell College of Architecture, Art, and Planning, an Associated Faculty Member of the Cornell Law School, and a Faculty Fellow of the Cornell Atkinson Center for Sustainability, Professor Bronin's academic and professional credentials are impressive. Professor Bronin's experience with interdisciplinary work will be an asset as she leads the ACHP in making recommendations to the President, Congress, and heads of federal agencies on how best to preserve America's cultural heritage.

Professor Bronin has shown the ability to leverage her academic and legal work to help create meaningful changes in communities across America. Through her scholarship on historic preservation, architecture, land use, and property law, Professor Bronin has demonstrated expertise in the complex ways in which preservation policy can improve the public's quality of life and strengthen local economies. Her experience working with real estate developers on major rehabilitation and new construction projects shows how historic preservation is a powerful catalyst for economic development and job creation.

Professor Bronin has been a long-standing advocate for historic preservation policies that protect America's special places while celebrating the diversity of our national heritage. We applaud her advocacy on behalf of preservation through the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Preservation Connecticut, the City of Hartford's Historic Preservation Commission, and Latinos in Heritage Conservation.

Professor Sara Bronin is eminently qualified to serve as our nation's Chair of the ACHP. We respectfully urge you to vote in support of Professor Bronin's nomination, and we appreciate your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

Abre Croche Cultural Resources LLC
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Foundation
American Anthropological Association
American Battlefield Trust
Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in
Historic Preservation
Coalition for American Heritage
Connecticut Main Street Center
Connecticut Preservation Action
Cultural Heritage Partners, PLLC
Green Latinos
Heritage Ohio
Heritage Results LLC

Kirk Huffaker Preservation Strategies
National Parks Conservation Association
National Trust for Historic Preservation
Pennsylvania Archaeological Council
Preservation Action
Preservation Connecticut
Preservation League of New York State
Preservation Maryland
Preservation Resource Center of New
Orleans
Preserve Arkansas
Professional Archaeologists of New York
City
Society for Historical Archaeology

cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources