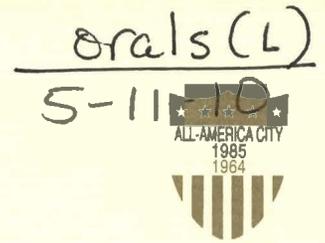




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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing in support of the restoration of the Gadsby's Tavern Ice Well. Gadsby's Tavern is a National Historic Landmark and serves an important role in telling the story of the founding of our country. The ice well is an integral part of the Tavern's 18th century hospitality story, but is deteriorating and in need of restoration.

While Gadsby's Tavern is owned and operated by the City, budget constraints require that fundraising for this project rely solely on grants, special event fundraising and private donations. Several organizations have been working together to raise funds in difficult economic times. We encourage those who love history and want to see it preserved to contribute to this important project. It will take partnership and perseverance to save this important landmark. We strongly support the collective efforts of the many organizations working together to raise the money needed for the restoration of this essential feature of Gadby's Tavern. Please consider supporting them in their efforts.