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Dear CPC, Tom Kearns, and Heather Gill,

Anita Tekle, Treasurer of the Timothy Wheeler House Board, contacted me for a letter of support for the funding request by the Timothy Wheeler House to the CPC to address priority items identified in the recent Historic Structures Report, funded by the CPC.

The excellent report speaks for itself to illustrate what a treasure the Timothy Wheeler House is, rich in history and an integral part of downtown Concord. From a housing perspective, from its Roots go back to the Concord Female Charitable Society, founded in 1814, a group that provided support to the poor and disadvantaged in Concord. “The members were tireless in assisting widows and children, the elderly and infirm, newly-arrived immigrants, and the families of Civil War soldiers, to list just a few of the recipients of their good works.”

While not part of the formal affordable housing program in Concord, the housing opportunities provided by the Timothy Wheeler House serve low income seniors in a full service approach.

I worked with Anita in 2017 as the survey was being conceived, and continue to support the efforts of the board to take a strategic approach in restoring the certain historic elements identified here.

I endorse the historic preservation CPC request of the Timothy Wheeler House.

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