



The Honorable Sara C. Bronin
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
401 F St. NW, Suite 308
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Dear Chair Bronin,

At The American Institute of Architects (AIA), the nation's oldest professional design association, we are thrilled to congratulate you and support your official assumption of responsibilities as Chair of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) today.

Since AIA's founding in 1857, our organizational mission has been to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. The architectural community holds a deep respect for those who steward our historic resources across the built environment. Your wealth of knowledge, interdisciplinary experience, enduring conviction and inclusive "commitment to protecting and celebrating the rich and complex stories that make us American" are exemplary.

As a diverse attorney, policymaker, educator and AIA architect, we look forward to the leadership you will bring to the national historic preservation program. We are confident that your presence and authority will inspire a new era of preservation, enhancement, and sustainable use of our nation's historic resources. Representation is an invaluable building block of racial, ethnic and gender equity in our organization, in our profession and our communities.

AIA is committed to preserving places and spaces which reflect the contributions, experiences and voices of everyone, as well as embracing existing buildings as climate assets that we cannot afford to waste.

Thank you for prioritizing these inextricable imperatives and we look forward to working with you to advance effective historic preservation public policies and programs.

Sincerely,

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