September 17, 2021

The Honorable Joe Manchin  
Chairman  
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,

The National Trust for Historic Preservation strongly supports President Biden’s nomination of Dr. Sara Bronin to the position of Chair of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Dr. Bronin has demonstrated a strong commitment to historic preservation law and policymaking through her scholarship on historic preservation, architecture, land use, and property law. We believe Dr. Bronin’s experience qualifies her to carry out the duties of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in making recommendations to the President and Congress on how best to preserve, enhance, and sustainably use our nation's many historic resources.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, a private nonprofit organization, was chartered by Congress in 1949 to “facilitate public participation” in the preservation of our nation’s heritage and to further the historic preservation policy of the United States. See 54 U.S.C. § 312102(a). In addition, the National Trust has been designated by Congress as a member of the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, which is responsible for working with federal agencies to implement compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Id., §§ 304101(8), 304108(a).

In carrying out these responsibilities, the National Trust is committed to protecting places representing a broad and inclusive historic narrative and effectively utilizing preservation as a tool for advancing the full scope of our nation’s history. In this context, we look forward to the important perspectives Dr. Bronin brings from her experience as a board member of Latinos in Heritage Conservation and leader of the Connecticut Zoning Atlas. Her roles as a 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 further demonstrate her impressive expertise in historic preservation, land use, and property law.
We are also grateful for Dr. Bronin’s service as an advisor for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The National Trust Advisors Program is a select network of civic and professional preservation leaders, recognized for their expertise and experience, who use their knowledge and skills to support the work of the organization specifically and the preservation movement broadly.

We would look forward to working with Dr. Bronin as Chair of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and continuing the National Trust’s more than seventy-year history of working with the Advisory Council. We urge your support of her nomination.

Sincerely,

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National Trust for Historic Preservation