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Canyon County Commissioners
Canyon County Courthouse
1115 Albany Street
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Dear Canyon County Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to express our wholehearted support for the grant projects proposed by the Canyon County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). These projects represent an invaluable opportunity to preserve and promote the rich history of Canyon County, and we commend the commission for their dedication to this important endeavor.

As stewards of Idaho's cultural legacy, we understand the significance of preserving our historic sites and structures. They serve as tangible links to our past, offering insights into the lives and experiences of those who came before us. By investing in the preservation of these resources, we not only honor our history but also create enduring assets for future generations to cherish and learn from.

All of the proposed grant projects outlined by the Canyon County HPC demonstrate a thoughtful and strategic approach to preservation efforts within the county. We want to call out two projects in particular, the interior restoration project at the American Legion Post 18 and the exterior restoration project Nampa Valley Grange 131, for being in urgent need of funding. Both properties are listed in the National Register of Historic Places and without these critical repairs, their physical condition will continue to deteriorate and could compromise their historic integrity.

Furthermore, we believe that these projects align closely with the goals and objectives of our office, as well as with state and federal preservation initiatives. By leveraging grant funds to support these endeavors, Canyon County has the opportunity to maximize the impact of its preservation efforts and set a shining example for communities across the state.

In conclusion, we wholeheartedly endorse the grant projects put forward by the Canyon County HPC and urge your support in their implementation. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information or assistance.

Sincerely,

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