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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Capitol Building, H-232  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Capitol Building, H-204  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Speaker and Minority Leader McCarthy:

Acting as chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) during that position's current vacancy, I am writing to express the ACHP's support for the Frederick Jobs and Historic Preservation Training Center Land Acquisition Act (S. 2367/H.R. 4494). Established by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the ACHP is the independent federal agency charged with advising the President and Congress on matters relating to historic preservation.

The bill was considered and ordered to be reported by the Committee on Natural Resources on November 17, 2021. It would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) Historic Preservation Training Center (HPTC) located in Frederick, Maryland, to acquire up to 20 acres in Frederick County for the purpose of establishing a larger training facility. The HPTC assists NPS units and other federal agencies in restoration projects and trains preservation craftspeople through experiential learning while completing those projects. The HPTC also introduces youth and military veterans to preservation-related trades through its Traditional Trades Apprenticeship Program.

In 2020, the ACHP issued a [policy statement on the promotion and value of traditional trades training](#). As the number of skilled workers in the construction trades has plummeted in recent years, the shortage of skilled preservation craft workers has continued to grow. Restoration work on historic buildings simply cannot be done without skilled workers, making the training of new craftspeople a critical priority. Additionally, job training opportunities in traditional trades can assist in economic recovery and growth in America's communities. The proposed bill would help the HPTC expand upon its already important contribution to promoting traditional trades training.

Please feel free to contact me if the ACHP can be of any assistance during further consideration of the Frederick Jobs and Historic Preservation Training Center Land Acquisition Act, or your staff may wish to follow up with acting ACHP Executive Director Reid Nelson at [rnelson@achp.gov](mailto:rnelson@achp.gov). Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Vice Chairman

cc: Committee on Natural Resources