



August 10, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves as an expression of our support of Mrs. Michelle Dean and the Pope Museum Preservation Project. We at the Cairo|Grady County Chamber of Commerce care greatly about the preservation of our local landmarks and historic sites. Pope Museum is a historical site that impacts our community both culturally and economically. The restoration and rehabilitation of this museum have great potential for increasing the economic development for Grady County. This project would impact many different avenues of economic development. A major tourist attraction in our community with historical significance, an educational destination, and as a special events venue with cultural value, Pope Museum will drive economic growth. An increase in tourism due to the Pope Museum would impact our local economy in a positive manner. Tourists would stay at our hotels, dine at local restaurants, and purchase goods with area retailers. This would circulate revenue back into our community while supporting Grady County businesses. There are a great number of economic impacts the Pope Museum Project has to offer Grady County.

We have seen first-hand the time, effort, and continuous work that Michelle and her team are putting into restoring this historical site. They are working extremely hard to bring the museum to standard and our community fully supports their efforts.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

David Trey Gainous
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