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To: Community Preservation Committee

From: Dan Gainsboro and Patrick McCurdy, MCI Concord Advisory Board Co-Chairs

Date: November 12, 2025

Re: Letter of support for funding the proposed Thematic Preservation Survey of the Concord Reformatory and associated West Concord sites

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The MCI Concord Advisory Board enthusiastically supports the Historical Commission's proposal for a preservation survey project that would provide essential research to help inform community decisions on the future of West Concord and the MCI Concord site.

Community memory and voice are integral to our recent Town of Concord Vision Plan for the MCI Concord site. The Vision Plan states that "Preserving this history will require a research effort to build a deeper understanding of the prison's legacy." This sentiment echoes previous town plans, where citizens prioritized the clear need to update incomplete and outdated documentation on the historic resources within and beyond the walls of the former prison and reformatory. With state plans to sell the MCI Concord site under development, the need is now pressing.

The preservation, protection and development of historical assets are of course the specialized purview of the Historical Commission. The proposed Thematic Preservation Survey would supplement the work of this Advisory Board and the state Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, enhancing local community involvement in state decision making on Concord's future.

This Advisory Board and the Historical Commission have discussed the project at public meetings over the summer and fall and look forward to working together as the project unfolds.

We encourage the Community Preservation Committee to fund this important project and appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dan Gainsboro and Patrick McCurdy