**Subject: Request to Meet – Shovel Ready Heritage Places & COVID-19 Recovery**

Dear [Insert official’s name here]:

I am writing to ask you to help ensure that economic stimulus funding for COVID-19 recovery is earmarked for “shovel ready projects” at heritage places in our community, and across Canada. Investments in older and heritage places create more ‘green’ jobs than new construction, spur private investment, and contribute to community resilience over the long term.

Canada’s heritage sector organizations have recommended that:

“Government earmark at least $200 million in stimulus funding to unlock billions of dollars in capital construction and other investments at older/heritage buildings. This funding would target the renewal, retrofitting and adaptive use of revenue-generating space, the creation of affordable housing and more; and would help nonprofits and charities renew cultural infrastructure and social purpose real estate.”

I would like to meet with you to discuss what you can do to implement this recommendation. **Thank you for your consideration of this important opportunity.**

Yours sincerely,

Your Name

Your Title

Your Organization (if applicable)

Your address or political riding (if applicable)