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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Cleveland Restoration Society (CRS), I write this letter to enthusiastically endorse the good work of the newly-formed Baldwin-Buss House Foundation. Formed to acquire, stabilize and preserve the significant Federal style dwelling on Hudson's village green, the work of the Foundation so far has been impressive. The Foundation has negotiated a purchase agreement for the 1825 house designed and constructed by Lemuel Porter, a noted master builder & architect in the Western Reserve, in addition to five adjoining parcels and two commercial buildings.

By acquiring and restoring the Baldwin-Buss House, the Foundation would not only preserve the second-oldest house in Hudson, they would also protect a strategic location in the heart of the historic district from potentially inappropriate development. With the First & Main commercial development expanding and renewed interest in walkable communities like Hudson, it is imperative to balance new development and historic preservation. Having local stakeholders carefully guiding development in this location will insure that the development is sensitive to the scale and massing of existing historic resources and that Hudson's remarkable character and sense of place is preserved.

We are confident that the Baldwin-Buss Foundation, with its impressive board and volunteers, will be successful in securing and restoring this invaluable resource. They have created a detailed website and attractive promotional literature to convey the importance of this project and are already meeting with potential funders. CRS, as the largest historic preservation nonprofit in the region and a partner of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, will be available to assist the Foundation as needed.

Sincerely

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