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Mr. David Glass, Board Chair
Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
200 Piedmont Avenue, S.E.
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RE: Proposed Demolitions on Historic Central State Hospital Campus

Dear Mr. Glass,

As you are certainly aware, the remarkable and complex history of the Central State Hospital in Milledgeville is a vital part of our state’s broader history. The campus, in its original context, represents a unique architectural resource that is significant to the entire state.

As such, we write to you regarding the proposed demolition of the Jones Building, Green Building, Walker Building, and the Wash House. We ask for a 180-day reprieve from any efforts to move forward with a demolition, to allow for all stakeholders to engage in good faith to determine a viable path forward that avoids the permanent loss of these important buildings.

The Georgia Trust and our preservation partners around the state have emphasized the significance of these historic buildings for over a decade. It is our hope that these resources are not lost forever. We appreciate your attention to this matter, and we look forward to working with you to determine a realistic and positive outcome.

Sincerely,

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