



THE HYLAND HOUSE MUSEUM

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Dear Legislators,

I am writing to you in support of Act HB 6119. I am the current president of the Dorothy Whitfield Society that operates the Hyland House Museum in Guilford. Our organization's mission is to share rich colonial history and to inspire ongoing stewardship of that legacy.

As former recipients of ACT funding, we have been able to sustain our operations and steward our 1713 architectural icon. The Hyland House offers exemplarily restored original architecture and a living space for the retention of priceless historic gems.

Our organization continues to promote living history through its participation with the Witness Stones Program; restoring new commemoration and legacy for the indentured slaves of the North. The Hyland House boasts its own witness stone for its one time occupant Candace, a slave at that time, whose story can now be told with honor and grace.

Necessary expenditures to operate the Hyland House, including a pricy insurance policy to protect our assets, require fund raising efforts as well as the request for funding from arts related designated funds. Your support of this bill will help us to gain more accessibility to these funds and maintain our momentum of promoting living history.

Please consider passing this legislation to keep our organization running strong!

Thank you in advance for your support.

With gratitude,

Bob Donahue, President
10 February 2021

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