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Dear Ms. Simon,

I am writing on behalf of the Arlington Board of Selectmen to offer support of the application by the Arlington Redevelopment Board, and the Arlington Department of Planning & Community Development, in collaboration with Cyrus Dallin Museum for a Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund grant for the Town-owned historic Jefferson Cutter House. The Jefferson Cutter House is the focal point of Arlington Center, and houses the Cyrus Dallin Museum, the Arlington Chamber of Commerce, and a community room/community art gallery. The grant request for \$100,000 would help pay for expenses related to roofing, siding, gutters, foundation, and window work as recommended in a Building Assessment completed by preservation architect Wendy Fronteiro in 2014. The Town is prepared to match the grant to accomplish the work.

The Jefferson Cutter House is important to the town for its historical and architectural significance, and for its cultural importance as the Dallin Museum, which includes the Town's collection of sculptures by Cyrus Dallin.

I appreciate your consideration of the grant request for preserving this important and highly visible historic building which visitors from all over the world will enjoy.

Sincerely,

Kevin F. Greeley
Chair, Board of Selectmen