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Dear Mr. Thomas and Ms. Wissinger,

I am very pleased to endorse Cleveland County's inclusion as part of the new US Heritage Area. It will be called the Southern Campaign of the Revolution Heritage Area.

Cleveland County played an integral role in the United States' victory in the American Revolution. Cleveland County was the site of the famous Battle of Kings Mountain. Thomas Jefferson called it "the turn of the tide of success." Cleveland County was also home to several important Revolutionary figures. Cleveland County serves to honor Colonel Benjamin Cleveland. He played a pivotal role in the Battle of Kings Mountain. With such a rich history Cleveland County should be included in the US Heritage Area.

I truly appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Ronald Franks, VP, CFP®