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**Timothy Parsons, Ph.D.**

SHPO

Director, Division of Historical Resources  
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Dear Dr. Parsons,

Re: Bank of Everglades Building Project

I am the owner of Everglades Fishing Company which offers fishing charters and a retail store / restaurant in Everglades City. The Everglades Society for Historic Preservation is in the process of rehabilitating the historic Bank of Everglades Building as a Visitor Center and Trail Town Headquarters for our area. I am writing to support ESHP's efforts in obtaining grant funding for this project.

Preserving our history by saving this important cultural resource will enhance visitor experiences in the area and help our local economy. ESHP will offer both the locals and the tourists an opportunity to learn more about the history and culture of the Everglades area. The Bank building has been in disrepair for many years, and I support all efforts to preserve this historic landmark.

Sincerely,

*Jimmy Wheeler*  
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