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Ms. Leigh Ivey  
National Trust for Historic Preservation  
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Ms. Ivey,

I am writing you today to convey my support for the restoration and preservation of the Hogan's Fountain Pavilion at Cherokee Park in Louisville, Kentucky. Since the Pavilion's construction in the mid-1960's thousands of Louisvillians have enjoy this unique structure that is located in our most widely used City Park. Over the years this facility has fallen into disrepair and now the roof needs to be replaced.

The Louisville Metro Parks Department's Master Plan for Cherokee Park includes a plan to demolish the Hogan's Fountain Pavilion and construct a newer facility. When this news spread, our ordinary citizens banded together and convinced Metro Parks to delay the demolition until the "Save the Hogan's Fountain Pavilion" group had the opportunity to explore other options for the Pavilion's restoration. This reprieve is only temporary and without significant outside assistance this pavilion will become only a memory.

This example of modern architecture is both impressive, inspiring, and I am delighted to write on behalf of the volunteers who are working so hard to save this iconic piece of Louisville's history and believe that the designation of the Hogan's Fountain Pavilion as one of the National Trust's 2011's Most Endangered Historic Places can dramatically increase the chances that it can be saved

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bryan L. Mathews".

Bryan L. Mathews