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Abby Marshall
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State Historic Preservation Office
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Dear Ms. Marshall,

I write in support of listing Cleveland's Sidaway Bridge, located over Kingsbury Run valley on the Cleveland Landmark Commission and the National Register of Historic Places. However, in a state of disrepair, this historic bridge connects Sidaway Avenue and East 67th Street on the southwest side of the valley with Sidaway Avenue near Berwick Road on the northeast. Many residents of region and city already recognize Sidaway Bridge as a historical landmark, but our shared goal is to make it official.

Formally recognizing this structure's importance by listing it among other historic buildings and places will advance the larger mission to restore the bridge in the future and bring new life as a public park to the valley below. Burten Bell Carr Development, Inc. and Cleveland Neighborhood Progress have been working on an initiative to clean, restore and develop the Kingsbury Run Valley as a community asset. One of the goals of this initiative is to restore the bridge and potentially develop the area through use of federal, state, local and private funding, which we believe will be made easier with a successful listing. They have worked over the last year to engage residents, share history, and campaign for the revitalization of the area. That work is documented on www.kingsburyreserve.com and has laid the groundwork for this historic recognition.

Elizabeth Corbin Murphy of Perspectus Architecture will be acting on behalf of Burten Bell Carr at the June meeting of the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board. I trust that the Advisory Board will be impressed by the Sidaway Bridge application, and I am happy to lend my support to this project for the Board's consideration.

Any additional questions can be directed to Ryan Puente, Chief Government Affairs Officer, at (216) 664-3544 or via email at rpunte@clevelandohio.gov.

Sincerely,

Justin M. Bibb
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