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MARIAH MCGUNIGLE
US GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
230 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET
CHICAGO IL 60604

RE: ER23-343 Court Security Building Upgrades and Accessible Entry Improvements – Theodore Levin United States Courthouse, 231 West Lafayette Boulevard, Detroit, Wayne County (GSA)

Dear Mariah McGunigle:

Under the authority of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, we have reviewed the above-cited undertaking at the location noted above. Based on the additional information provided for our review, and the design modifications discussed at our October 11th meeting, the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) retracts our opinion of Adverse Effect and concurs with the determination of GSA that the effects of the proposed undertaking do not meet the criteria of adverse effect [36 CFR § 800.5(a)(1)]. After further investigation and discussion, we better understand the efforts taken to minimize effects and the importance of the proposed safety and security upgrades. Therefore, the State Historic Preservation Officer concurs with the finding of GSA that the undertaking will have **no adverse effect** [36 CFR § 800.5(b)] on the Theodore Levin United States Courthouse, located at 231 West Lafayette Boulevard, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

This letter evidences GSA's compliance with 36 CFR § 800.4 "Identification of historic properties" and 36 CFR § 800.5 "Assessment of adverse effects," and the fulfillment of GSA's responsibility to notify the SHPO, as a consulting party in the Section 106 process, under 36 CFR § 800.5(c) "Consulting party review." **If the scope of work changes in any way, please notify this office immediately. In the unlikely event that human remains, or archaeological material are encountered during construction activities related to the above-cited undertaking, work must be halted, and the Michigan SHPO and other appropriate authorities must be contacted immediately.**

We remind you that federal agency officials or their delegated authorities are required to involve the public in a manner that reflects the nature and complexity of the undertaking and its effects on historic properties per 36 CFR § 800.2(d). The National Historic Preservation Act also requires that federal agencies consult with any Indian tribe and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) that attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties that may be affected by the agency's undertakings per 36 CFR § 800.2(c)(2)(ii).

Finally, the State Historic Preservation Office is not the office of record for this undertaking. You are therefore asked to maintain a copy of this letter with your environmental review record for this undertaking. Thank you for this opportunity to review and comment, and for your cooperation.



If you have any questions, please contact Cassandra Nelson, Historian, at 517-648-4050 or by email at nelsonc32@michigan.gov. **Please reference our project number in all communication with this office regarding this undertaking.** Thank you for this opportunity to review and comment, and for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. M. Schumaker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ryan M. Schumaker
State Historic Preservation Officer

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copy: Regina Nally, Regional Historic Preservation Officer, Great Lakes