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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for the Friends of Sutro Tunnel Charity, a non-profit organization that works to preserve and promote the historical and cultural significance of the Sutro Tunnel and historic Site in Nevada. The Sutro Tunnel is a remarkable engineering feat that was completed in 1878 by Adolph Sutro, a visionary entrepreneur and philanthropist. This historic structure drained water from Nevada's Comstock Lode silver mines, facilitated ore transportation, and improved working conditions for the miners.

The Friends of Sutro Tunnel Charity has been instrumental in raising awareness and funds for the restoration and maintenance of the tunnel and its associated historic structures on the former townsite of Sutro, NV (present-day Dayton, NV). They have also organized educational tours, events, and exhibits that showcase the history and legacy of the tunnel and its creator. Their efforts have not only benefited the local community, but also attracted visitors and tourists to Dayton, NV from across the state and beyond.

I appreciate the valuable contribution that the Friends of Sutro Tunnel Charity has made to the preservation and enhancement of our state's heritage and culture. The Historical Society of Dayton Valley values the collaborations we have with the Charity to increase cultural heritage tourism in Dayton, Nevada. I believe our work deserves recognition and support from all who care about Nevada's past, present, and future.

Therefore, I highly recommend the Friends of Sutro Tunnel Charity for JW Couch Grant and other grant opportunities that may arise. They are a dedicated and professional team that has demonstrated their commitment and passion for their cause. I am confident that they will continue to make a positive impact on Nevada's tourism industry and historic & cultural stewardship.

Sincerely,



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