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To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Jefferson has recently redoubled its efforts to encourage investment in and revitalization of the older neighborhoods in our community. As chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Revitalization of Old Town and the city council's Administration Committee, I've been pleased with those efforts and believe that they set the stage for good things to come.

At the same time I am reminded once again of the limitations of government. Our ultimate success will be determined not by government incentives but by the commitment of individuals and businesses who want to improve their properties, their neighborhoods, and their lives. That is why the Historic City of Jefferson's decision to initiate a "Golden Hammer Award" is such a valuable and timely tool in our revitalization efforts. The program will honor those property owners who have demonstrated that combination of grit and inspiration required in any property renovation.

But more than that, highlighting these successes will "show the way" for others who are intrigued by the possibilities of their older properties. Success will build upon success. Probably not everyone who deserves it will receive a "Golden Hammer Award", but they will all have achieved something even more important — an energetic and revitalized community that celebrates its heritage as it moves into the future.

I commend the Historic City of Jefferson for its efforts and I look forward to seeing the projects receiving the "Golden Hammer Award" and their impact on the greater Jefferson City community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Medin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ron" and last name "Medin" clearly legible.

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