

A CALL TO ACTION!!!!

Dear Friend of Preservation:

You may have been following the recent coverage regarding the State Legislature's consideration of the historic Ada County Courthouse. On January 26th, the Senate State Affairs Committee heard testimony regarding two options for the building: SCR 102 - to retain, remodel and add onto the historic structure; and SCR 101 to tear down the building and build new. Although the Committee sent SCR 102 to the full Senate with a "Do Pass" recommendation, the bill was narrowly defeated on January 31st, by a vote of 16 (for)-18 (against). We believe that the issue will go back to the Senate Committee for a new resolution – presumably one that would call for the demolition of the building

That is why we need **YOU** to contact your legislator to let them know that you support keeping the historic Ada County Courthouse. The more people your legislator hears from, the more likely he/she will vote in favor of retaining the historic building.

PLEASE, do not put this letter aside to address later. We need you to make contact **IMMEDIATELY**. A quick telephone call to **208-332-1000** or **1-800-626-0471** will allow you to leave a brief message for your legislators. All you have to do is call the number and tell them you would like to leave a message for Senator/Representative ----- . Then simply leave the message that you urge them to save and remodel the Ada County Courthouse building. Please do this for *each of your 3 legislators*. You do not have to speak directly to them; just leaving this simple message will go a long way.

A personal note is also extremely effective. If you can, take a moment to sit down and write a quick plea to your legislator. To assist you, we have enclosed a list legislators and their legislative session mailing address, as well as issue points to present. Again, simply stating you support retaining the historic courthouse building is enough. We have also enclosed some postcards that can be sent to your legislators. If this is all you have time for, please take a moment to add your personal information and drop them in the mail. Jotting a short personal note is helpful, too. Please pass any extra cards on to family or friends who can support the preservation of this historic building, and ask them to call as well.

It is **ESPECIALLY CRITICAL** that legislators from outside of the Boise metropolitan area hear from their constituents on this issue. We have repeatedly heard from those who would prefer to see the building torn down, that no one outside of Boise cares about this. It is imperative that they see that this is not true, and that people outside of Boise also don't think that the State should be tearing down historic buildings.

Please take a moment – **THIS** moment – to help save this important piece of Idaho's history.

Yours in Preservation,

The Board of Preservation Idaho