General Program Support Panel  
Florida Division of Cultural Affairs  
R.A. Gray Building  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

May 18, 2015

Dear Members, Florida Division of Cultural Affairs Grant Review Panel:

On behalf of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, I am writing in support of The Wolfsonian—Florida International University’s proposal for General Program Support from the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs in 2016-17.

Our Department is a strong supporter of The Wolfsonian’s work and is proud to provide significant annual operating support in recognition of its outstanding exhibitions and public programs and the important role the Museum serves in our cultural community. We know that these funds are critically needed in order to achieve the organization’s goals and objectives.

As part of Florida International University, the institution is a significant educational resource, frequently collaborating with FIU colleges and departments, as well as other local non-profit arts organizations, to present performances and exhibitions. The Museum supports scholarship by providing on-site and online access to the museum’s singular collection for research in the field of global material culture.

The Wolfsonian displays a growing commitment to enhance the life of our community. In the past year, the Museum launched two new initiatives intended to deepen and broaden public engagement: a series of Discovering Design Family Days and the first-ever Power of Design festival. These examples of innovative outreach are emblematic of the institution’s intention to continue evolving as a major contributor to Miami Dade County’s cultural eco-system.

We appreciate the work of The Wolfsonian and salute their accomplishments on behalf of our community’s cultural development. We are proud to submit this letter in conjunction with the Museum’s State grant request as an expression of our strong support for its application for these important State grant dollars.

Sincerely,

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