



# City of Charleston

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Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee  
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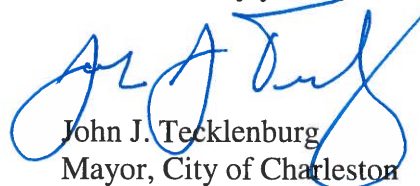
Dear Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for a commemorative stamp celebrating the 250th anniversary of the College of Charleston. As the Mayor of Charleston, I feel it is imperative that I fully support this hallmark for this incredible institution.

Founded in 1770, the College of Charleston is the nation's first municipal college and the 13th oldest educational institution in the United States. The original founders of the college played a key role in the formation the new republic: three were signers of the Declaration of Independence, and another three were framers of the U.S. Constitution. Other founders were or became federal and state lawmakers and judges, state governors, diplomats, Charleston councilmen, and mayors. From famed architects, accomplished attorneys renowned writers, and captivating journalists to intriguing artists, outstanding athletes, and brilliant scientist, alumni of the College of Charleston have made their mark on American society and continue to this day.

In 2020, the College of Charleston will be celebrating its 250th anniversary. For the last two and a half centuries, the College of Charleston has been a bastion of leadership, innovation, artistry and athletics. It is with these contributions and its rich history in mind that I ask you to favorably consider the proposal for a stamp in honor of this incredible institution and its milestone achievement. The College of Charleston continues to make an indelible mark on the City of Charleston, the State of South Carolina, and our beloved country, and thus is worthy of this honor.

Most sincerely yours,



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Mayor, City of Charleston

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