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Ms. Marlene B. Brown
Executive Director
The Children's Museum of History, Natural History, Science & Technology
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Dear Ms. Brown,

I have forwarded your letter to Tim Gilchrist, my Senior Advisor for Infrastructure and Transportation, who I have charged with processing all requests for federal stimulus funding.

We are working diligently to provide funding for projects that will facilitate job creation and strengthen New York State's infrastructure. Let me make three quick points in this regard.

First, we are working to secure and distribute these funds as expeditiously as possible, as our primary objective is to put New Yorkers back to work as soon as possible. Therefore, all of the stimulus money will be used to support projects that are shovel-ready, and all of it will be completely spent within three years.

Secondly, every project has been selected by experts that best know the infrastructure and economic needs of their region. I have certified each project to make sure it meets our job creation goals, and I have established an Economic Recovery Cabinet to oversee this process and make sure it runs efficiently.

Finally, this process will be fully transparent. New Yorkers will be able to see how every dollar of the stimulus money is being spent and whether it is creating jobs. We will not tolerate waste, fraud or abuse at any level of this process.

I am confident that, through our collective efforts, our great State will chart a steady course on its path to a bright and vital future. For more information on New York's economic recovery effort, please visit www.recovery.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David A. Paterson".

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