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Mr. David A. Paterson
Governor
State of New York
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Paterson,

I am writing in support of the request by the Children's Museum of History, Natural History, Science & Technology (Children's Museum) in Utica for funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Bill). The project is titled "Renovation of museum's Historic building" and has been submitted to the NYS Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Cabinet for funding consideration.

The Children's Museum was established in 1963 and provides educational services and exhibits that make learning experiences interactive and meaningful for children of all ages. The Children's Museum has proposed a reconstruction project to fix its leaking roof, as well as, install new carpet and handicapped-accessible restrooms. This shovel-ready project would help stimulate Utica's local economy by creating new construction jobs and by allowing the Children's Museum to create an additional staff position and avoid lay-offs.

I respectfully request that you consider providing Recovery Bill funds for the Children's Museum's proposed renovation project. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Mr. Charles Greco of my staff at 315-793-8146 or via e-mail at charles.greco@mail.house.gov.

Thank you, in advance, for your time and consideration regarding this very important matter.

Sincerely,



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