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The Hon. David A. Paterson
Office of the Governor
Executive Chamber, State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Paterson:

I am writing to you in strong support of the request from the Children's Museum of History, Natural History, Science and Technology in Utica, New York for funding through the federal economic stimulus program. Officials with the Children's Museum are formally seeking assistance for a major renovation project to update this nearly 50 year-old museum.

The Children's Museum is located in the historic Main Street district of Utica, an area that was settled more than 200 years ago. The museum itself is one of the oldest continuously operating children's museums in the county, having been started in 1963. The museum is a hands-on center of learning located in 24,000 square feet over four stories in a historic building in Utica.

Museum officials have submitted a request in the amount of \$1.5 Million for major energy efficient renovations to the building the museum is in including a roof repair which would be turned into a 'green roof;' 6,000 square feet of new flooring; 6,000 square feet of new carpeting; and handicapped accessible bathrooms. All of these projects are shovel-ready.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call my office. Thank you very much for attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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