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Hon. Michael A. Arcuri, Congressman  
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Dear Congressman Arcuri,

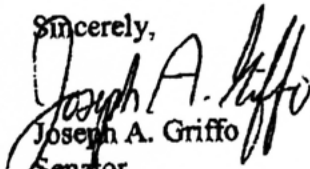
I am pleased to voice my support for a truly grassroots organization that is helping the young people of Utica and all of Oneida County reach for the stars.

The Children's Museum, located in the heart of historic Bagg's Square in Utica, has revitalized a long-dormant section of the community by providing interesting exhibits that help inner-city youth and their families learn about a wide range of topics in a hands-on, informative style. The museum has been a labor of love for volunteers and staff who have slowly but surely renovated an aging building to increase the amount of space for new exhibits.

The Children's Museum is now seeking funding for renovations to the fourth floor of the building and to its aging roof. These are vital investments not only to expand the facility, but also to protect years of work from the damage that could occur if the irreplaceable exhibits become damaged through leaks.

The Children's Museum is a vital community institution, and I strongly support its efforts to expand and upgrade its historic facility so that it can serve the children and families of our region for years to come.

Sincerely,

  
Joseph A. Griffo  
Senator