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Mr. Kenneth Tompkins, Regional Director
Empire State Development Corporation
Mr. Larry Gilroy, Co-Chairman
Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council
207 Genesee Street
Utica, NY 13501

Dear Ken and Larry:

I am writing to you in strong support of the Consolidated Funding Application that was submitted to the Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council by the Children's Museum of History, Science & Technology in Utica for its Historic Property Development proposal.

As proposed, a STEM Center and Planetarium would be built in a new building in back of the current museum. The new exhibit would be designed to be of great interest to children and their families, and to encourage interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

This project also would help the continuing positive transformation of the historic Bagg's Square neighborhood through development of offices and loft apartments on the side of the new building that is opposite the STEM Center. This would help create jobs and promote positive economic activity; strengthen the exhibits at the Children's Museum; and also beautify Bagg's Square.

Many studies show that children need to be introduced to the STEM subjects while they are still in elementary school. The Children's Museum is the ideal venue to encourage children to explore Science, Math, and Technology, and I am in strong support of this proposal to expand its educational offerings to young students and their family members.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Brindisi
Member of Assembly