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SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Dear Members of the DeKalb City Council,

This letter is written on behalf of the Egyptian Theatre's request for TIF funds to install air conditioning at the theatre. Air conditioning in this facility will enhance the DeKalb downtown and especially tourism. The Kishwaukee Symphony Orchestra (KSO) has had the benefit of using this facility for years, climate control would be greatly appreciated.

Consider how this facility can benefit the downtown tourism during the warm months of spring, summer and fall. The economic impact would cause an effect on other businesses, restaurants and lodging. The theatre has a \$2 million economic impact to the community. The benefits far outweigh the cost.

The Egyptian Theatre will be more vibrant and will maintain its National Landmark status if they were able to be open year round. In comparison look how vibrant and active Stage Coach Theatre is since they relocated their performances to a facility in which they can operate year round. Another plus to DeKalb and tourism and the local economy.

Preserving the Egyptian Theatre has been a significant cause in DeKalb County for over 40 years. They have maintained, struggled and persevered through many difficult financial times and this climate. Preserving this facility is of paramount importance and bringing a climate controlled environment will not only benefit patrons, but the building itself.

Please give this considerable thought and look at the bigger picture and the future of downtown DeKalb.

Best Regards,

Ann Tucker, president and the Board of the KSO