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Dear City of DeKalb Mayor and Alderman:

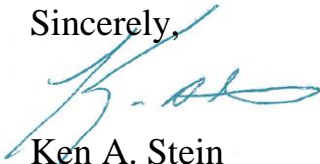
It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the historic Egyptian Theatre in Downtown DeKalb, IL for their funding request to install air-conditioning.

The League of Historic American Theatres is a non-profit, membership organization representing over 300 of North America's most treasured venues. As a member of the League, Preservation of Egyptian Theatre, Inc. has taken a leadership role in adopting best practices for the preservation, restoration, and ongoing operation of historic theatre by attending and presenting at conferences, participating in industry research, and participating in online information exchange with peers from coast to coast.

The League recognizes historic theatres as unique showcases for human creativity, arts and culture and envisions them as vital assets in livable communities throughout North America. Research and experience shows that historic theatres are irreplaceable social, economic, historic and cultural resources for their communities. As iconic, creative places of public assembly, they build community, loyalty, reinforce community identity and heritage, stimulate downtown revitalization, promote pride of place and anchor creative economies.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of the Egyptian Theatre to install air-conditioning in order to be open year-round and improve the ongoing preservation efforts of this historic jewel. Alex Nerad is a active and valued members of the League and I am confident he will be an excellent steward of your support. Should you need to contact me, I can be reached at [kstein@LHAT.org](mailto:kstein@LHAT.org).

Sincerely,



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President and CEO