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Mr. Alex Nerad, Executive Director  
Preservation of the Egyptian Theatre, Inc  
135 N. Second Street  
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Mr. Nerad:

I write this letter in support of your request to the City of DeKalb for \$2.5 million in funding from TIF funds to install air conditioning in the Egyptian Theatre.

I have been a resident of DeKalb since 2000, and I am tenured professor at NIU and a business owner with 12 full time employees. As an established member of the DeKalb community, I am extremely proud of the Egyptian Theatre and the work that has gone into it's preservation and improvements. My occupation takes me to theatres around the world, and I often speak of our historic Egyptian Theatre to the people with whom I am working. When they visit DeKalb, I often take them for a visit of the space, and they are always impressed with the rich history and excellent condition of the facility.

I am also a frequent visitor to the Egyptian Theatre. I often provide special rigging effects or scenic elements for productions by the Childrens Community Theatre, the Dreamers, and several local dance studios. As the technical director of NIU, I often organize NIU productions and events in the space, and I host international workshops on theatrical effects at the Egyptian as well. While the Egyptian is a wonderful location to host events nine months out of the year, the summers are quite challenging due to the lack of air conditioning. Personally, it is my least favorite feature is the Egyptian Theatre experience, and it would be extremely beneficial to the facility if the space could be comfortable for the patrons all year long.

As a DeKalb taxpayer, I implore the DeKalb city council to approve funding for the capital expenses sought by the Egyptian Theatre to make this and other improvements. I feel that this responsible and laudable use of city funds would allow to Egyptian Theatre to continue to flourish in the decades to come.

All my best.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracy Nunnally', written in a cursive style.

Tracy Nunnally