

June 17, 2018

Dear City of DeKalb Mayor and Alderman:

On behalf of the Corn Fest Committee, it is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the Egyptian Theatre funding request to install air-conditioning.

Corn Fest is one of the last remaining free music festivals among Illinois music festivals and summer festivals. Celebrating its 41<sup>st</sup> year in 2018, the festival will welcome thousands of visitors to Downtown DeKalb at the end of August.

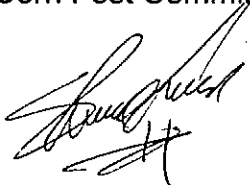
The Egyptian Theatre plays an integral role with Corn Fest each year. The Theatre provides their dressing rooms free of charge for the weekend to be used by all the mainstage acts at Corn Fest. This is a tremendous convenience and cost savings to this community festival. The Theatre is also open all weekend long for the public to take tours. The Egyptian is also the primary weather emergency shelter and has been used multiple times in recent years.

If the Egyptian Theatre had air-conditioning it could play an even bigger role during Corn Fest as a cooling center when it is hot out. This would keep visitors Downtown longer and help this exciting community event make an even bigger positive financial impact. We know that many visitors are drawn to the historic Egyptian Theatre and would love to see this icon preserved for future generations.

We fully support the efforts of the Egyptian Theatre to install air-conditioning in order to be open year-round. As a community organization we feel this is a worthwhile investment by the City of DeKalb.

Sincerely,

Shawn Lowe  
Corn Fest Committee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Lowe", with a stylized flourish at the end.