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Dear Mayor Smith and DeKalb County Council Members,

The Performing Arts Academy has been performing and using the Egyptian Theatre twice a year for several years. We would love to see the theatre open for events throughout the year and offer air conditioning to our audience members as summer months can be very hot and humid. I am in support of the request to the City of DeKalb for \$2.5 million in funding for the air conditioning project.

As a life long resident of DeKalb County I have grown up performing, visiting and producing at the Egyptian Theatre. The theatre has been in good hands the past several years and I have enjoyed seeing the recent updates to the seating, sound, and lighting systems. It would be beneficial not only to the patrons of the theatre, but the equipment to have air conditioning as temperature control can be key for certain equipment.

Air conditioning would allow the theatre at least 3 more months of performances, movies and other events which would be a great financial boost for them as well as local restaurants and shops. I know several families that dine and shop in the area when the theatre is occupied. I feel this would be beneficial to the community, businesses and the theatre to thrive now and many years to come.

Respectfully,

Jodi Riley, Artistic Director

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