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Dear DeKalb City Council Members,

On behalf of the Beth Fowler School of Dance - The Egyptian Theatre's longest running repeat performing group who performs at the theatre at least three times each year for the last 27 years we are writing you today in support of the Egyptian theatres request for TIF funding to install much needed air conditioning in the theatre.

We have performed in this theatre over many, many years and the number one complaint from patrons and our performers especially for our June shows we perform each year is the lack of air conditioning. We try to provide the highest quality shows at the theatre but the suffocating heat takes away from the experience and deters people from attending our June show and ultimately has and does affect our profits. Lower attendance to our shows also affects the surrounding businesses that our patrons frequent during our shows such as The Confectionary and The Hillside Restaurant to name just a couple.

We bring people into DeKalb and the Egyptian Theatre from many surrounding communities such as Genoa, Kingston, Kirkland, St Charles, Marengo, Geneva, Batavia, Hampshire, Burlington, Rockford and even Chicago and more for our shows. All are impressed with the theatre but all can't believe in this day and age a theatre of this caliber does not have air conditioning.

Over the years we have been fortunate enough to see all the improvements that have been made to the theatre such as sound and lighting, new seats, the décor repairs and all the very nice plaster work and painting that has been done and much, much more. We have also witnessed over the years all the damage to all those repairs from high humidity and issues with no air conditioning causing thousands of more dollars to be spent that would likely have not needed to be spent had the theatre had air conditioning.

The benefits to adding air conditioning to this pillar of the DeKalb community and all the surrounding businesses and the performing groups and patrons that use this theatre are worth far more than the cost and will make the theatre a much more enjoyable and usable space in the summer and even spring time.

We implore the DeKalb City Council to approve the funding sought by the Egyptian Theatre to make this improvement and give the theatre the ability to be a huge asset in the spring and summer months.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Bob and Beth Fowler