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City of Dekalb  
200 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Dekalb, Illinois 60115

Re: Egyptian Theatre

To The Mayor and City Council

The Egyptian Theatre has been an iconic fixture in downtown Dekalb and the entire community for well over 85 years. After the major renovation of the Theatre in the early 80's, it has served the entire community with wide and varied events. This facility is one of a very few that has continuously brought people to the downtown.

There are two glaring deficiencies with the current condition of the facility:

- In-adequate restrooms which lack handicap accessibility and few toilets/urinals
- Deteriorating plaster and artistic decorating

If these conditions are not addressed and resolved soon, the entire facility will continue to fall into disrepair. The cost to add air conditioning and an addition with modern toilet facilities is not cheap, but the cost to delay will only increase dramatically.

In an effort to move these improvements forward, my family has committed to a substantial donation, which has since been exceeded by others in the community. A grant from the City will greatly help preserve this Historic Facility.

We would ask that the City help in this effort, thank you.

Sincerely,

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