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Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce

August 7, 2007

Mayor Scott Myers
Dover City Hall
288 Central Avenue
Dover, NH 03820

Dear Scott,

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors strongly encourages the members of the Dover City Council to authorize the funds necessary to complete the repairs to the Butterfield building and fulfill the commitment that the city made to the Children's Museum of New Hampshire.

The Children's Museum has raised over \$2 million of privately donated funds for repairs and improvements to the building to allow them to open their doors in July of 2008. These private donors pledged their support with the expectation that the Museum had the City's support for the move and a commitment from the City to maintain the building.

The City planned for the move of the Children's Museum to Dover by relocating the Recreation Department to the McConnell Center, and has been committed to this project, along with the citizens of Dover, to ensure the relocation of the Children's Museum as a centerpiece of downtown development.

The museum has been a destination for thousands of families and children. The potential is there for the new and expanded exhibits to result in making the Children's Museum New Hampshire's finest cultural and educational destination for visitors and Dover families.

The Board enthusiastically supports the move of the Children's Museum to Dover and urges the City Council to take a strong stand to welcome the Museum to Dover.

Sincerely,


Jack Story
President