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September 15, 2004

The Honorable Dennis Yablonsky
Department of Community and Economic Development
400 North Street, 4th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Secretary Yablonsky:

I am writing to express my support for the \$50,000 Community and Economic Development Grant Application submitted by the Allegheny Musarium Association. This funding will enable the association to conduct a feasibility study to ascertain the tasks needed to evaluate alternative sites for the proposed aquarium and to evaluate the market support and operating plan for the aquarium.

The Allegheny Musarium Association is composed of a volunteer group of very perceptive individuals who see this combination museum-aquarium facility as a wonderful addition to the future of tourism in Warren County. Certainly, much work needs to be done. However, after the feasibility study is completed, final goals and objectives determined, and all final reports are in, I sincerely believe the musarium can become an absolute reality that will ultimately stimulate our local economy.

It is with these facts in mind I would strongly suggest the Allegheny Musarium Association be given serious consideration in their funding request.

This grant is very important to Warren County. If I can be of additional assistance in the decision-making process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe".

Joe Scarnati
State Senator-25th District

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