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The Honorable Eliot Spitzer
Governor, State of New York
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Spitzer:

The New York State Board of Regents has voted to move forward with legislation that would amend the education law and the arts and cultural affairs law to provide formula funding to chartered museums and historical societies that offer verifiable standards-based educational programming to school children and teachers in grades kindergarten through twelve. The Museum and Cultural Education Act would help bring museums and other cultural institutions together with schools to provide quality educational programming to children throughout the state. The Regents recently affirmed the MCEA as a reform priority.

Providing the best programming possible for students is not only important, but a responsibility that we must take seriously. We must seek to enrich learning that takes place in the classroom, reinforce learning standards, and introduce students to opportunities that exist only at institutions like ours.

I urge you to support the Museum and Cultural Education Act.

Sincerely,



George L. Howell

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New York State Historical Association

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