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Dear Assemblyman or Senator:

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On behalf of The Genealogical Society of New Jersey, a non-profit organization with over 800 members, I am writing to urge you to take a leadership role to support Acting Governor Richard J. Codey's budget proposals for the cultural agencies in the Department of State's budget.

In particular, we ask the Legislature to preserve the dedicated funding in the hotel/motel tax for the New Jersey Historical Commission and the New Jersey Cultural Trust. (We continue to look forward to the day that both the Historical Commission and the Cultural Trust can be restored to their full funding levels.)

We understand that New Jersey, like many other states, expects a substantial shortfall in revenue for the coming fiscal year. However, we believe that the economic benefits of supporting our nationally recognized historical and cultural resources will continue to advance New Jersey's revenues from associated tourism. These activities in New Jersey should not be underestimated.

Please let me know if we can count on you as a friend of New Jersey history and a leader who recognizes the importance of our state's proud historical and cultural resources. I can be reached at 201-896-9699.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

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