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Mr. Norman Miller  
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Dear Norm:

Neil L. Levine  
*President*

On behalf of the Schenectady Museum & Suits-Bueche Planetarium ("Museum"), I would like to reiterate, in writing, the mutual understanding that we have discussed on numerous occasions.

Jane N. Golub  
*Vice President*

It is our intention to enter into a lease with the Challenger Learning Center for space in the current Museum facility located at 15 Nott Terrace Heights in Schenectady. The ideal area for the Challenger Learning Center program to be located is within our Broughton and Heritage Area Galleries, located at the northern end of our facility, encompassing approximately 2,300 square feet of combined floor space.

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Currently on display in the Heritage Area Gallery is the Schenectady Heritage Area Visitors Center ("SHAVC"). The Museum has a long term lease with the City of Schenectady, which is consistent with a separate agreement between New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation ("SHIPO") and the City of Schenectady. Plans are underway to move SHAVC to a new location outside of the Museum, known as the Gillette House. In the interim, the Museum is working with City and SHIPO officials to negotiate a relocation of SHAVC to another comparable location in the Museum to allow the Challenger Learning Center to co-locate in our facility. Although representatives of the City and SHIPO have expressed enthusiasm for working with us to accommodate your space needs, we must reach a final agreement with SHIPO and the City before we can enter into a binding agreement with the Challenger Learning Center.

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We look forward to hosting the Challenger Learning Center as we feel it is a natural fit with the Museum's mission "*to inspire a sense of wonder about extraordinary scientific and technological development: past, present and future*". The reaction of children engaged in a simulated space mission, while teaching children the valuable skills of problem-solving and teamwork, is evidence that the program is designed to add the element of fun and excitement to real science learning.

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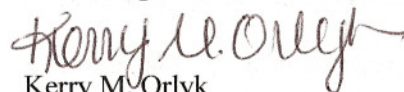
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As you move forward with your fundraising efforts, please know that we will happily entertain a more formal lease arrangement when the timing is appropriate.

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Warm Regards,



Kerry M. Orlyk  
Executive Director