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Mary Conturo, Executive Director
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RE: ER# 06-2823-003-II
Civic Arena/Lower Hill Redevelopment, Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co.

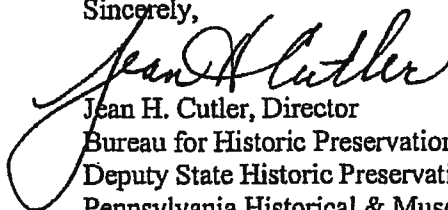
Dear Mary:

On June 16, 2010 and August 12, 2010, I wrote to you concerning the results of the review by the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC) of materials relevant to the Sports and Exhibit Authority's Mellon Arena and Lower Hill Redevelopment project. That review and the related consultation process was authorized by Chapter 5 of the Pennsylvania History Code, which requires that Commonwealth agencies: 1) consult with PHMC before demolishing, altering or transferring significant historic properties and 2) seek PHMC's advice on possible alternatives to the demolition, alteration or transfer of significant historic properties under their control. In these letters, we also stated that the SEA had completed all consultation requirements of the History Code.

The History Code does not have additional relevant procedures or regulations beyond consultation. Therefore, there is no need for you to sign any Memorandum of Understanding with PHMC regarding mitigation for the demolishing, altering or transferring of the Mellon Arena. Under the History Code, only consultation was required and you have satisfied that requirement.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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cc: Senator Jim Ferlo
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