



CITY OF BUFFALO

BYRON W. BROWN

MAYOR



February 22, 2010

Mr. Jay DiLorenzo, President
Preservation League of New York State
44 Central Avenue
Albany, NY 12206-5684

Re: The Cooperage, Buffalo

Dear Mr. DiLorenzo:

I write to let you know of my strong support of The Cooperage project as well as Clinton Brown's recent request for \$200,000 in interim funding from the Preservation League's Endangered Properties Intervention Program to initiate the immediate construction of this important economic development project on Buffalo's waterfront.

I understand that the Preservation League initiated the Endangered Properties Intervention Program as a unique vehicle to provide sufficient bridge funding to help projects like The Cooperage. As you know, the State of New York has provided substantial funding to the League just for this purpose.

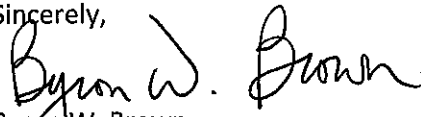
The Cooperage represents significant private sector investment that will breathe new life into one of Buffalo's most historic buildings. These efforts will bring new people to live and work in downtown Buffalo's waterfront on the Buffalo River.

In addition, The Cooperage will help implement my vision for the transformation of our formerly industrial waterfront into a place representing our community's best quality of life for all of our citizens and visitors.

The City of Buffalo will be assisting this important project with streetscape and other public improvements. We will be coordinating this work to coincide with the planned opening of The Cooperage in 2011.

As Buffalo looks forward to welcoming the National Conference of the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 2011, I would like to join the Preservation League in pointing to The Cooperage as an historic preservation project at its best and as one that exemplifies the success of the League's Endangered Properties Intervention Program.

Sincerely,


Byron W. Brown
Mayor