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Joelle Schatz
Special Projects Coordinator
National Trust for Historic Preservation
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Ms. Schatz:

I am writing today to express my strong support for Preservation Buffalo Niagara's nomination of the Statler Building to the National Trust for Historic Preservation's *11 Most Endangered Historic Places* list.

The Statler Building is of unique significance to Buffalo's cultural and historical landscape and stands as a true gem of our State and Nation's greatest tangible asset – our built heritage. With a rich history that spans nearly a century, the Statler was the birthplace of one of our Nation's first hotel chains and is widely-recognized as not only a cornerstone of Buffalo's Niagara Square but a rare and prized intersection of Buffalo's colorful political, social, and commercial histories.

Today, blight and neglect threaten to rob our State and Nation of this unique treasure, and it is clear that immediate action is needed to preserve the Statler Building's vital place in our priceless built heritage.

I believe that placing the Statler on the *11 Most Endangered Historic Places* list will help immeasurably in raising the attention and resources necessary to save this important landmark, and I am proud to stand with Preservation Buffalo Niagara and the Buffalo community in their continuing, dedicated efforts to preserve this one-of-a-kind building.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Paterson".

David A. Paterson