

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 20, 2010

Mr. Richard Moe  
President  
National Trust for Historic Preservation  
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, NW  
Washington, District of Columbia 20036

Dear Mr. Moe,

We write in support of Preservation Buffalo Niagara's nomination of Buffalo, New York's Statler Building to the National Trust for Historic Preservation's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places. We feel this move will boost efforts to redevelop this architectural gem so that it is once again a fully-occupied and thriving building that boosts Downtown Buffalo.

The Statler Building is a grand testament to the region's rich historic, architectural and cultural heritage. Located in the heart of Buffalo's downtown corridor, the 18-story structure has monumentally stood in historic Niagara Square for nearly a century, a towering symbol of the Buffalo-Niagara region's past greatness and future potential. However, over the years, a combination of economic downturns, increased market competition and lack of secure ownership have substantially diminished this once-great gem. Recognition by the National Trust for Historic Preservation will further the mission to save and redevelop this regional treasure.

We applaud the efforts of Buffalo mayor Byron Brown and Preservation Buffalo Niagara and others to garner community support – and to recruit potential new owners and occupants – to save the Statler Building and we are confident that the National Trust's recognition of this important landmark's plight will generate substantial national attention and resources that will be vital in this effort.

We thank you for your consideration of this nationally significant historic landmark.

Sincerely,



Kirsten E. Gillibrand  
United States Senator



Charles Schumer  
United States Senator