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Dear Gentlemen,

I am writing to express my concern about the cancellation of Provincial funds for the New Brunswick Museum’s new facility project. As a Canadian, I care about the protection of Canada’s cultural heritage. Without new facilities the priceless museum collections continue to be under threat.

The New Brunswick Museum is the oldest museum in Canada and, as clearly stated in the NBM’s mission statement, it is the “principal repository and steward of material that documents or represents the natural and human history of New Brunswick and other related regions.” The preservation and display of these collections not only supports the economy of Saint John and the Province through the attraction of over 65,000 visitors annually, but also enriches the lives of New Brunswickers and all Canadians. I personally have benefited from the NBM [INSERT STORY HERE IF DESIRED] and it is my hope that its collections will continue to be accessible for future generations.

By delaying the construction of new facilities, the collections remain under threat from overcrowding and structural issues. The safety of the staff and the collections are at risk. The recent destruction of Brazil’s National Museum by fire is a tragic example of what can happen through government inaction. The decision to withdraw provincial funding previously committed to the new facility project risks the irrevocable loss of irreplaceable Canadian heritage. Therefore, I personally appeal to you, as stewards of the New Brunswick Museum and advocates of the interests of New Brunswickers present and future, to take immediate action towards new, modern and adequate facilities for the New Brunswick Museum.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]

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