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To Cleveland City Council

Dear Sirs;

This letter is to express my support for the League Park Society and its efforts to restore our historic League Park. It is quite rare for the grounds of a 19<sup>th</sup> century ballpark to be in existence. There are few major cities that can boast of a Major League Ballpark that has the grounds intact dating to 1891. Our city is quite fortunate to have a place with such a rich history of our past readily available for area residents, and out of town visitors to take a leisurely stroll upon.

The League Park Society has made a great effort in getting the public interested in restoring our grand old park. I believe the project will bring great dividends to our city as a center for community recreation and for the tourists it will bring to Northeast Ohio. The good will generated by the project should do much to enhance the city, both locally and nationally.

League Park was the home to the World Champion Cleveland Indians of 1920, and later the site of the Cleveland Buckeyes great victory to claim the championship of the Negro League in the 1940s. The best ballplayers in the world played at League Park including Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Cy Young, Tris Speaker and Bob Feller. The park is a strong connection to our great sports history. To capture that connection in a recreation center and museum would be a great educational experience for our young people and the general public. Many stories could be told at League Park that would enrich the lives of many and bring accolades to our city.

I urge you support the efforts of the League Park Society and help bring this vision to life.

Sincerely,

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