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March 12, 1993

Mr. James Caufield
PA Historical and Museum Commission
Historic Preservation Bureau
P.O. Box 1026
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Dear Jim:

Just a short note to thank you for our recent conversation with regard to the Erie Civic Center and to confirm my understanding that you will be in Erie Tuesday, March 30, to review the plan and visit the Warner Theatre. I got a very positive feeling from you that this project should be funded and that you are willing to work with the Civic Center Authority to see that the seat placement project is undertaken.

It is my understanding that as soon as the funds are made available, you will send an application to the Civic Center Authority, for them complete and return to you. I am certain that the Authority is anxious for the process to procure funding begin in the near future, and that they will do whatever is necessary to obtain these funds.

Again, thank you for updating me on this proposal. I appreciate your interest and assistance.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Italo'.

Italo S. Cappabianca,
State Representative

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cc: John A. Wells



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June 4, 1990

Honorable Italo S. Cappabianca
House of Representatives
Room 329, Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-0028

Re: Erie Civic Center
Old Sears Automotive Center

Dear Representative Cappabianca:

As requested in your earlier correspondence and in light of the serious nature of potential problems, I previously ordered an immediate study of the Erie Civic Center site to determine if a subsurface hazardous waste problem exists. I have just received the results of this study.

There are ten subsurface gasoline/oil storage tanks in the vicinity of the old Sears Service Center. There is no evidence of leakage from any of these tanks. Some still contain gasoline or oil.

Since the gasoline and oil is confined to the tanks, there is no present risk to the public. Notwithstanding this, I am of the opinion that these tanks should be removed. In accordance with the provisions of the Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act, passed in August of 1989, if we intend to leave these tanks in the ground, we will have to take steps to insure that there will not be any leakage in the future. It is more practical for us to remove them completely.

I will immediately commence efforts to arrange for the funding and authorization to remove the ten tanks. I will keep you apprised of my progress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David L. Jannetta".

David L. Jannetta
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April 23, 1990

Honorable David L. Jannetta
Secretary, General Services
Room 515, North Office Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Re: Erie Civic Center
Old Sears Automotive Center
10th and Holland Streets
Erie, Pennsylvania

Dear Secretary Jannetta:

Please accept this letter as a follow-up to my letter of February 15, 1990 and your prompt reply of February 26, 1990 regarding possible environmental hazards at the Erie Civic Center site.

According to your response, the responsibility for any needed clean up of the site is still being researched by your staff. Since this is a hazardous environmental situation, time is of the essence in determining who is responsible. Can you please expedite this matter?

Thank you for your kind attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Italo S. Cappabianca".

Italo S. Cappabianca
State Representative

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cc: Charles Buzzanco
Jay Armbruster



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February 26, 1990

Honorable Italo S. Cappabianca
House of Representatives
Room 329 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0028

Dear Representative Cappabianca:

Thank you for your letter of February 15, 1990, concerning a possible environmental hazard at the Erie Civic Center site. I have had my staff research this matter to determine ownership and responsibility for the site.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Department of General Services, is the record title holder of the property. The Department obtained the property to construct the Civic Human Resources Center for the Department of Commerce pursuant to Act No. 356 of 1976.

Responsibility for any needed clean up of the site is still being researched by my staff. Please be assured that the Department shares your concerns over any environmental or health hazards with respect to state property. I will keep you informed of progress towards resolution of the matter.

Sincerely,

David L. Jannetta
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February 15, 1990

Honorable David L. Jannetta
Secretary, General Services
Room 515, North Office Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Secretary Jannetta:

It is my understanding that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is the owner and deed holder of the property where the Erie Civic Center Authority is located in Erie.

In this regard, it has been brought to my attention that an environmental problem exists at the site at the old Sears Automotive Center located at 10th and Holland Streets in Erie. It has been discovered that approximately 16 -- 300 to 500 gallon oil tanks must be removed from the site because they are a potential health or environmental hazard.

I am, therefore, requesting your immediate attention to this matter with respect to the cleanup of this property, if in fact, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is the owner and deed holder of the property.

It is my hope that this matter will be resolved because of the potential environmental or health-related situation that may exist at the site because of these 16 - 300 to 500 gallon oil tanks.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Italo S. Cappabianca
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February 13, 1990

Honorable Patrick J. Solano
Special Deputy Secretary
Department of Environmental Resources
9th Floor, Fulton Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Pat,

It has been brought to my attention by the Erie Civic Center Authority that an environmental problem exists at the old Sears Automotive Center located at 10th and Holland Streets in Erie.

The personnel at the Erie Civic Center have discovered that there are approximately 16 -- 300 to 500 gallon oil tanks that must be removed from the site because they are a potential health or environmental hazard.

In this regard, are there any funds under the Superfund or another environmental funding mechanism which would qualify the Erie Civic Center to apply for the monies or grant to remove these oil tanks? I would greatly appreciate it if you would look into this matter and advise me accordingly of your findings.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this request.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Italo".
Italo S. Cappabianca
State Representative

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EAST 9TH STREET

CONTENTS (UNKNOWN)	PLATES WELDED UNABLE TO REMOVE				
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10"

10" CLEAN OIL

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HOLLAND STREET

EAST 10TH STREET

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