

United States Senate

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Kathryn K. Matthews, Ph.D
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Institute of Museum and Library Services
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Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Dr. Matthews,

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum's (PLM) nomination for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) FY19 National Medal.

It is my understanding that PLM has impacted its region in several ways. For instance, in 2017 alone, the museum welcomed nearly 15,000 visitors, 611 of which were school children who learned about PA's lumbering heritage and forests. Additionally, the museum's Bark Peelers' Festival gave thousands of visitors a chance to see PLM's historic sawmill in action. The museum also provided an economic driver for dozens of local artisans and vendors, both directly via on-site sales, as well as indirectly via the region's tourism sector. Furthermore, PLM focused on their local residents by giving family passes to 23 public libraries in the region, and granting free museum admission to members of those libraries. Other free admission events, such as the Potter County Youth Field Day educated both children and adults, helping to foster an informed and engaged public.

Once again, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the aforementioned nomination, and I respectfully ask that you give PLM's nomination full and fair consideration. In the event that PLM is selected for IMLS's 2019 National Award, please direct a copy of your award notification to my Grants Coordinator, Steve Meredith. Steve can be reached via email at Steve_Meredith@toomey.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Pat Toomey
U.S. Senator