

September 21, 2004

The Honorable Carl Levin
United States Senator
United States Senate
269 Russell Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Dear Senator Levin:

Last Tuesday, the U.S. Senate marked up the Department of Interior House Appropriations bill, which includes funding for the National Park Service and National Heritage Areas, and I am writing today for this reason.

As with all heritage areas, MotorCities National Heritage Area received authorization for \$10 Million over fifteen years, but the organization cannot receive more than \$ One Million in any single year. So far, MotorCities has not received more than \$500,000 in any one year, and if the MotorCities' Appropriation doesn't increase towards the \$One Million mark, money earmarked for heritage development and quality of life projects in Michigan will be left in Washington, DC.

Cityscape Detroit advocates for improving Metropolitan Detroit's quality of life through excellence in architecture, urban planning and design, and historic preservation. We see MotorCities NHA as an integral part of supporting our mission to better the Detroit region through understanding and appreciating our nationally significant auto heritage story.

Please support MotorCities and their \$600,000 Appropriation as found in the House Appropriations bill. The Senate Appropriation bill only provides \$500,000. This reduction in funding will impact MotorCities' efforts to continue to develop important projects and programming in the region that tell this nationally important story. MotorCities is an organization that is maturing, and this additional funding will assist them in building upon their recent successes in education, revitalization, and tourism programs.

Thank you for your continued support of the Detroit region and MotorCities NHA.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur F. Mullen
President