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Dear Hamilton County Commissioners Greg Hartmann, Chris Monzel and Todd Portune,

As Hamilton County Republican Central Committee Members and other fiscally conservative activists in our local precincts, the signers of this letter are asking you to delay actions to put the Sales Tax on this November's ballot for The Union Terminal Museum and Music Hall renovations.

Let's not hurry this TAX. There are still too many questions whose answers must be publicly explored and due diligence which must be done to build a case for the proper course of action. Before putting any tax increase on the fall ballot, voters need clear answers to questions such as:

- Why is Hamilton County being asked to finance City of Cincinnati owned property?
- Why must both buildings be tied to the same initiative, even though their situations and user bases are so different?

Music Hall must be removed from any currently considered TAX increase for Hamilton County. Any tax for the maintenance of either of these buildings should be a "Fair Share" tax as proposed at the Monday, July 21 night's meeting by the Citizens Oversight Board (and attached hereto). It is our preference that any funding for the Union Terminal renovation be sought in equal shares from among these four sources: users, gifts, city and county.

We suggest that the Commissioners step back from the temptation to rush this initiative onto the November ballot.

As the responsible stewards of Hamilton County's financial well-being, we ask that you lead this effort by building consensus for the proper course of action.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this request by email letter by responding to [Sue.Hardenbergh@CommunityTeaParty.org](mailto:Sue.Hardenbergh@CommunityTeaParty.org). Thank you for listening and we look forward to your prompt reply.

Regards,

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