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New York State Museum
New York State Education Department
Room 3097, Cultural Education Center
Albany New York 12230
Attention: Chartering Program

Dear New York State Museum:

Due to a recent decision by the Charities Bureau of the New York State Attorney General's office, the holdings of the Thomas Paine National Historical Association ("TPNHA") will be disbursed to other museums. We expressly request that these holdings be located at museums within Westchester County. The Huguenot and New Rochelle Historical Association wishes to continue displaying these holdings at the Thomas Paine Cottage, many of which have been displayed there for the past 80 years. The New Rochelle community takes great pride in the mission of the Huguenot and New Rochelle Historical Association to maintain and promote the historic Thomas Paine Cottage, and the use of TPNHA's artifacts are critical to this important effort.

We hereby recommend two excellent locations for the holdings: Westchester County Historical Society or Iona College. As one of New Rochelle three County Legislators, I join with my colleagues on the Board of Legislators and stand in support for having these holdings remain in Westchester County.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Maisano".

James Maisano
Westchester County Legislator, District 11

cc: State Legislators (Westchester Delegation)
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