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ACTION CALL

A bill has recently been introduced to the New York State Legislature that, if enacted, will provide vital assistance to historical records programs throughout New York State. The title of the bill is the Regional Historical Records Program Development Bill. The bill numbers are Assembly Bill #A7717 and Senate Bill #S5450.

The enclosed fact sheet provides information on the background and provisions of the bill. Basically, it is intended to support a professional historical records specialist in each of New York's nine "3R" regions. The specialists will provide much needed technical advisory services to the local governments and historical records repositories in each region.

Enactment of this bill is the Coalition's highest priority this legislative season. The Bill was recommended by the New York State Board of Regents and endorsed by the Citizen's Library Committee.

We need your help to get this bill passed. Your legislators and the leadership of the Assembly and Senate need to know we care about this bill. We need as many people as possible to write letters supporting the passage of the Regional Historical Records Program Development Bill. Members of the Legislature to Contact:

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SAMPLE LETTER

The Honorable
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Dear Mr. ,

I understand the Regional Historical Records Program Development Bill (#A7717/#S5450) has recently been introduced into the Legislature. This bill will provide much needed services and support for members of the historical records community throughout New York.

New York's documentary heritage is one of our most valuable cultural and educational assets. Yet, recently the conditions of historical records programs in New York have been found to be underdeveloped, poorly supported, unsystematic and incomplete. This bill will help to protect our historical resources from further endangerment and will provide the basis for stronger, more useful records programs for the citizens of New York.

I hope you will support the Regional Historical Records Program Development Bill.

Sincerely,

Your name
Your address