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Dear Frank,

Many thanks for inviting the Boston Irish Tourism Association to participate in the Boston Museum project. I was delighted to meet with your talented staff and to begin discussions about building the ethnic heritage component of this worthy project.

We are particularly pleased to be involved in the Museum project at this time because our Irish Heritage Trail is steadily becoming a popular tourist choice as well as a learning opportunity for school groups visiting Boston from around the country.

Just this week we had inquiries from a group in Georgia bringing 80 high school teachers to Boston this fall, and from a middle school teacher in Portland Maine, who is bringing 70 students and ten adults to Boston next week to walk the Irish Heritage Trail.

We feel strongly that having the Boston Museum will enhance our Irish heritage program, because it will give us a central place to disseminate our literature, gather for group tours and educational outings, and hold special cultural activities throughout the year.

The Museum can in fact serve as the kitchen, figuratively speaking, for the city's melting pot of ethnic communities. Our group has formed excellent partnerships with other communities, helping to forge a teaching partnership between Boston's Irish Famine Memorial and the New England Holocaust Memorial. And we worked closely with Roxbury ACT to together Irish and African American communities around the newly renovated Hibernian Hall in Dudley Square.

These partnerships can soon be anchored by the Boston Museum, a place where contemporary culture, ethnic heritage, and local history can all come together under one roof.

Please continue to call upon us for our expertise, resources and connections within the Irish-American cultural community and the tourism industry. We wish you the best success in the months to come.

Sincerely,

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