

Congress of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20515

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September 20, 1983

Councilman Larry R. Martin
Lowell City Council
19 Summit Avenue
Lowell, Massachusetts 01852

Dear Councilman Martin:

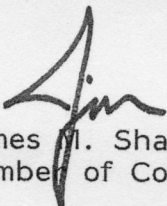
In the near future you will be asked to vote to establish an historic review board for downtown Lowell.

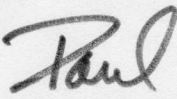
Passage of this measure is critical to continued funding of the National Park and Lowell Historic Preservation Commission. Congressional officials who have been responsible for over \$20 million in park funding since 1979 must be reassured that their investment will be protected by the historic standards required in the federal enabling legislation. The Department of the Interior has indicated their concern, cautioning that funds could be withheld in the event that the city fails to act in the next few months.

In the spirit of cooperation that has characterized Lowell's remarkable success and in order to insure future funds for the National Park and the Commission, we urge you to support the home rule legislation as the best means of establishing historic development standards for Lowell.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


James M. Shannon
Member of Congress


Paul E. Tsongas
United States Senate