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Joseph Hobika, Jr., Board of Education President
Dr. Christopher M. Spence, Superintendent of Schools
Utica City School District
929 York Street
Utica, NY 13501

Dear Mr. Hobika and Dr. Spence:

The Trustees of the Utica Public Library request that, pursuant to Section 259 of New York State Education Law, the Utica City School District Board of Education place the following proposition before the voters at the next School District election scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2025:

"Shall the sum of \$915,581 be raised by annual levy of a tax upon the taxable real property within the Utica City School District for the purpose of funding the Utica Public Library?"

The Utica Public Library's Board of Trustees approved this resolution at its January 16, 2025, meeting. The amount equals an increase of \$28,772 and is within the property tax cap. The Library needs an increase in the tax levy in order to cover increased costs of materials and services. The Library last placed a budget proposition on the School District ballot in 2024.

Please contact me at (610) 529-2847 or Christopher Sagaas, Library Director, at (315) 735-2279 x 202 if you need additional information or if you have any questions regarding the above.

Sincerely,

Philip A. Bean
President, Board of Trustees
Utica Public Library