



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please support the International Free Expression Project (IFEP), a venture dedicated to building public support for free expression at a time it is under siege across the globe. In addition to advancing this critical mission, the Pittsburgh-based project also promises to generate significant economic benefits for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by developing an exciting new attraction at the front entrance to the city, and spreading internationally the message that Pennsylvania is a world-class center of creativity that welcomes everyone.

IFEP has assembled an impressive local, national, and international alliance to build the world's first iconic work of public art symbolizing free expression; establish a Marketplace of Ideas full of food, drink, art, and innovation housed in the in the historic former pressroom of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette; invent immersive educational tools and activities that underscore the importance of free expression; and commission artwork and other creative endeavors.

Those lending a hand at the local level include Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, and The Pittsburgh Foundation; at the national level, legendary journalist Tom Brokaw, actor/director Michael Keaton, and Washington Post executive editor Martin Baron; and, at the international level, Nobel Prize laureate Svetlana Alexievich, Havel Prize laureate Mai Khoi, and Omar Rabago Vitale of the International Free Expression Exchange.

As governor, I'm excited by the prospect of hosting Independence Hall and the National Constitution Center at one end of the state and, at the other, a Marketplace of Ideas and signature work of public art celebrating one of the first freedoms enumerated in the Bill of Rights: the right to free expression.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Wolf".

TOM WOLF
Governor