

Letters of Support for the MLB44334 project:



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To whom it may concern:

As Ohio's official historic preservation and Main Street organization, Heritage Ohio fosters economic development through preservation of historic buildings, revitalization of rural downtowns and urban neighborhood commercial districts, and promotion of our civic tourism industry. In short, we work to help people Save the Places that Matter, Build Community, and Live Better.

We have recently become aware of efforts by the Last Patrol Museum, an Ohio nonprofit organization, to purchase the retired U.S. Coast Guard rescue vessel, the MLB 44334, and to station the life boat in Toledo. The Last Patrol is currently engaged in a fundraising goal to secure at least \$40,000 in private donations, to purchase and transport the MLB 44334 to Toledo.

If the organization is successful in its efforts, the life boat will provide a unique educational opportunity for people of all ages to better understand the engineering innovations unique to this dynamic vessel, and to learn more about the history of rescue operations on the Great Lakes.

Heritage Ohio supports the efforts of the Last Patrol Museum, and recognizes the generosity of the current owner in providing bargain sale pricing to facilitate this important initiative. Heritage Ohio further encourages advocates and stakeholders of maritime history to actively engage with the Last Patrol Museum to assist the organization in its efforts to bring this initiative to fruition.

I welcome the opportunity to further discuss the importance of preserving the USCG MLB 44334, and how learning about its history will enrich our understanding of rescue operations on the Great Lakes. Feel free to contact me or Frank Quinn at 614.258.6200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joyce Barrett", written in a cursive style.

Joyce Barrett
Executive Director

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