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Dear Toledo City Council Members:

As representatives of the family of Laurel Blair, we support the City of Toledo's donation of the Blair Museum of Lithophanes to the Joseph J. and Marie P. Schedel Foundation, for display and maintenance of the Collection at the Schedel Arboretum and Gardens.

We are the daughters of Laurel's brother, George, and are Laurel's closest living relatives. Our father took a keen interest in Laurel's lithophane collection, which is the largest collection in the world. Along with our cousin, Posy Huebner, our father supported the donation to the City and aided the City in fulfilling its obligation to maintain and display the collection. Since the death of George and Posy, we have continued to support the Museum, and we both serve as Directors of the Friends of the Blair Museum, Inc.

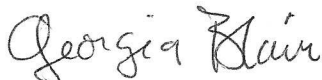
I, Georgia Blair, have been involved in the search for a new home for the Collection. I visited Schedel Gardens, and toured the Manor House that will be home to the collection. I also met the Schedel staff and helped formulate their plans.

We are aware of the Schedel Foundations' commitments to assume the City's obligation to the Collection. Schedel has agreed that a member of the Blair family will be appointed to its Board committee to oversee the collection. Georgia will, initially, serve as the family representative.

The Schedel Foundation is an outstanding choice as a new home for the Collection. The setting in the Manor House at the Schedel Gardens is reminiscent of our Uncle Laurel's home on Robinwood in the Old West End, where the Collection was displayed until his death. We believe that our uncle would find this venue to be consistent with his vision. The integrity of the Collection will be maintained and displayed for the enjoyment of Toledoans as well as other visitors, national and international.

We enthusiastically endorse the proposed Donor Agreement with the Schedel Foundation and request City Council's prompt approval of the Ordinance approving the Agreement. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Georgia Blair



Robin Blair