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## State Theater Foundation Will Not Proceed with Acquisition of Historic State Theater

**Johnstown, PA** – After six years of effort, the Johnstown State Theater Foundation has announced it will not move forward with the acquisition or redevelopment of the State Theater building on Main Street, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Foundation had been working toward purchasing the building and sought financial contributions and support to address damages that have occurred over time. On August 27, the Foundation was informed that no financial assistance would be provided by Conemaugh or DLP with respect to the theater. Without that support, and because of the damage which prohibits further fundraising events in-house, the Foundation is unable to raise the funds necessary to cover monthly expenses, utilities, and repairs.

The purchase agreement required a decision by September 15, and the Foundation has determined it cannot continue with the project under these circumstances.

We are disappointed to reach this outcome after many years of effort. We remain hopeful that another individual or organization may step forward to preserve the historic theater for the benefit of the community. For the full story of the project, visit our website at <a href="https://www.statetheaterofjohnstown.com">https://www.statetheaterofjohnstown.com</a>. Questions and media inquiries can be directed to <a href="mainto-questions@statetheaterfoundation.com">questions@statetheaterfoundation.com</a>.

## **About the State Theater Foundation**

The State Theater Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting the cultural and historic significance of the State Theater in downtown Johnstown. Since its founding, the Foundation has worked to protect the theater's legacy, raise awareness of its history, and pursue opportunities to restore the building as a community and cultural asset.