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Dear Suzie Ziegler,

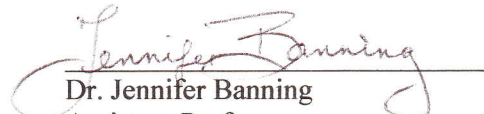
Thank you very much for M&J Estate Sales' extremely generous donation to the Lois Jett Historic Costume Collection within the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences at Illinois State University. The Collection is a unique, valuable resource for students, teachers, researchers, our university, and the general public. We believe it is important for our students to understand and appreciate how to professionally care for historic artifacts. The Boy and Girl Scout uniforms, fur coat, and numerous 1950s-1970s misses' and men's apparel artifacts will greatly benefit our students, and we promise to take excellent care of the items you graciously donated.

Many exciting new developments are in process for enhancing the viability of the Collection. For instance, we now have a computer with museum software in the Collection, which enables us to easily continue our work on updating the Costume Collection database. We are also very fortunate to have a dedicated graduate student who works 10 hours each week in the Collection. We hope to acquire climate-controlled storage, a prep room for accessioning new pieces, and exhibition space. In addition, the collection has a display window that will allow us to continually showcase pieces from our Collection. Lastly, we are in the process of starting a "Friends of the Lois Jett Historic Costume Collection" Board. We hope that by creating this volunteer group we can garner further public support for the Collection from the University and surrounding community.

Thank you again for so generously donating your historic dress items. They are a valuable contribution to our growing Costume Collection. If you are ever interested in contacting me, my office phone number is: (309) 438-2680 and my email address is twjohn2@ilstu.edu.

Cordially,


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