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Dear Mayor Mario Landriscina,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you today on behalf of the National Conference of State Legislatures, endorsing the city of Como's application for UNESCO's Creative Cities (Crafts & Folk Art) distinction.

As you know, a delegation of U.S. State Legislators recently visited Como to learn more about the city and marvel at its beauty and success in arts and economic development. It was very interesting to learn more about Como and the crucial role the city plays as part of the Lombardy region. Como's impressive museums, galleries, monuments, architecture, restaurants, shops and the stunning lake make it a must-visit destination for U.S. tourists. We were also impressed to learn of Como's production of silk, and that the Como Silk Museum is the only museum in the world demonstrating the entire silk production process. It is clear that Como plays a very important role in documenting the history of silk manufacturing and trade, while celebrating the future education of this crucial resource.

As a bipartisan, 50-state organization, NCSL is always looking for ways to collaborate across states domestically, but also internationally as we have recently with the Lombardy Regional Council. Endorsing this designation is true to our mission as we continually seek creative, cultural and cooperative collaboration across our states and the world. Please find this letter in full support of Como's designation as a UNESCO Creative City (Crafts & Folk Art). We look forward to continuing our partnership and visiting the "City of Silk" again soon.

Sincerely,

Tim Storey

Executive Director