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To Professor Massimo Miglio, President of the *Istituto Storico Italiano per il Medio Evo*:

As the elected leaders of the Medieval Academy of America, North America's oldest and largest scholarly association supporting the study of the Middle Ages, we are alarmed to learn of the eviction order that the *Istituto Storico Italiano per il Medioevo* has received from the Municipality of Rome. We write in support of your efforts to resist this precipitous and destructive governmental decision and call on the city's leadership to reconsider this summary eviction of the ISIME from its center at Piazza d'Orologio 4.

For over a century the *Istituto Storico Italiano per il Medio Evo*'s center on Piazza d'Orologio has welcomed scholars from around the world to its extraordinary library, lectures, courses, and events. ISIME's publications series, particularly its superior quality critical editions of important medieval texts, sustain and further research on the Italian Middle Ages throughout the global scholarly community. The magnitude of the library's holdings of over 100,000 volumes makes it an irreplaceable resource for Italian and foreign scholars alike. Not only is the *Istituto* a venerable international scholarly center, it has continued to advance knowledge and public understanding of a critical period in world civilization through the development of new scholarly tools and programs. The loss of the ISIME's center in the heart of Rome would destroy a highly significant hub of international research and make its incomparable resources largely inaccessible to scholars, particularly students and young researchers.

In solidarity,



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