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Dear Senator:

I am writing to request your support for the National Endowment for the Arts. On behalf of the over 200 arts groups associated with the NY City Arts Coalition, I urge you to vote for Senator Jefford's amendment to restore the proposed 5% cut to the agency, and to oppose any amendments that seek content restrictions, targeted cuts to specific arts programs within the agency, or which seek to direct additional federal dollars through state arts agencies.

Simply put, these cuts and various restrictions are punitive, and are being presented in a highly emotional way that is also (as usual) inaccurate and misleading. The arts organizations and the individual artists of this country are significant contributors to the wealth and civilization of this country. We deserve rational and fair treatment from the Senate.

We are a country in dire need of creative thought, innovative ideas, and a tolerance for diversity. The arts community represents some of the very best of this country, and should not see itself constantly attacked and maligned on the floor of the Senate. We are taxpayers, voters, and workers -- not unlike millions of other Americans.

I am asking that you speak for the arts and artists by supporting and voting for the NEA on the floor during the debate and against the proposed cuts and amendments.

Sincerely,



Norma P. Munn  
Chair