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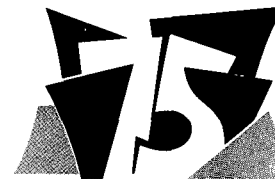
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May 6, 1994

The Honorable Edward Kennedy, Chairman  
Senate Labor and Human Resources Subcommittee  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Kennedy:

I urge you to support the "Community Arts Partnership Act," during the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (S. 1513). Secretary Riley has recently elevated the arts to be included in the National Education Goals. The House of Representatives included the Community Arts Partnership Act in its version of the Reauthorization bill (H.R. 6).

Recent studies have shown that there is a definite link between educational performance and the study of classical music. With this Amendment, school districts can leverage existing community cultural resources in order to provide arts programs for at-risk children and youth.

As the amount of music education in the schools declines, it is becoming even more imperative that local education agencies and cultural entities unite to provide a solid base of resources for the continued artistic education of our youth.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

C. Joseph LaBonté

cc. Members of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Subcommittee ✓  
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
The Honorable Barbara Boxer  
American Council for the Arts  
American Arts Alliance