

SUMMARY OF CONGRESSIONAL REQUESTS

Federal Funding for Cultural Agencies & Key Arts Programs

- ✓ Sign FY2018 appropriations programmatic letters:
 - National Endowment for the Arts (House: Reps. Slaughter, D-NY and Lance, R-NJ. Senate: Sen. Udall, D-NM) and support a funding level of **\$155 million** for the NEA.
 - IMLS Office of Museum Services (House: Reps. Tonko, D-NY, Lance, R-NJ, Slaughter, D-NY, and McKinley, R-WV. Senate: Sen. Gillibrand, D-NY) and support full funding of OMS at **\$38.6 million**.
 - ✓ Support continued FY2018 appropriations for:
 - Assistance for Arts Education (formerly Arts in Education program) at U.S. Dept. of Education (L-HHS-ED) at **\$30 million**.
 - Well-Rounded Education by fully funding Student Support & Academic Enrichment Grants (SSAEG, Title IV)
 - After-School by fully funding the 21st Century Community Learning Centers
 - Corporation for Public Broadcasting at current funding levels.
 - Office of Citizen Exchanges within the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at **\$110 million**—and direct the State Department to dedicate increased resources to the Cultural Programs Division's arts diplomacy programs.
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Arts Policy

Arts Education

- ✓ Make explicit the opportunity for the arts to help achieve Title I objectives.
- ✓ Thoroughly implement the professional development opportunities for arts educators and school leaders in Title II and the expanded STEM program eligibility for the arts in Title IV.
- ✓ Improve the U.S. Department of Education's national data collection regarding what students know and are able to do in the arts and conditions for teaching and learning in arts education.
- ✓ Support early childhood program implementation, maintain the Creative Arts Expression framework and keep the arts in the definition of "Essential Domains of School Readiness" for pre-school grants.



Tax Policy

- ✓ Enact the Artist-Museum Partnership Act, which would allow artists to take an income tax deduction for the fair market value of their work when they donate it to charitable collecting institutions.
- ✓ Preserve incentives for charitable giving by protecting the full scope and value of the tax deduction for all forms of charitable gifts.
- ✓ Ensure that changes made under tax reform will encourage more giving by more Americans.

Office of Museum Services (OMS)

- ✓ Enact legislation reauthorizing IMLS, similar to S. 3391 in the 114th Congress.

The CREATE ACT – Supporting Artists, Entrepreneurs, and the Creative Economy

- ✓ Cosponsor the CREATE Act in order to invest in the country's workforce and creative economy.
- ✓ Recognize artists, entrepreneurs, and nonprofit arts organizations as contributors to the small business community.

Visa Process for Foreign Guest Artists

- ✓ Enact the Arts Require Timely Service (ARTS) provision, which will require U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to reduce the total processing time for petitions filed by, or on behalf of, nonprofit arts-related organizations.
- ✓ Take steps, in cooperation with the Administration, to make immediate improvements at USCIS and State Department so that artist visa processing will be accessible, reliable, and efficient.

Arts In Health

- ✓ Support programs within the Administration on Aging (AoA) included in the *Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act* of 2016 that provide access to creative arts therapies and artist-directed activities for well elderly and individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias.
- ✓ Support access to creative arts therapies interventions in behavioral health treatments and services under Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Programs, such as the Medicare Prospective Payment Systems (PPS) and Centers for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS).
- ✓ Preserve access to affordable healthcare coverage for artists and other creative occupations.

Arts In The Military

- ✓ Support H.R. 102, Expanding Care for Veterans Act, sponsored by Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA) to improve access to evidence-based complementary alternative treatments for veterans, including creative arts therapies.

Arts and Infrastructure

- ✓ Provide flexibility through infrastructure legislation to state transit authorities to permit the incorporation of art into federally-funded transit facilities.

Arts & National Service

- ✓ Support the arts in making communities healthier and more vibrant, including creating the Artist Corps and expanded opportunities at Corporation for National & Community Service.

Wireless Technology for the Arts & Media

- ✓ Urge the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to:
 - Offer interference protection to performing arts entities and the community media sector.
 - Restore access to a reliable geo-location database.
 - Preserve nonprofit performing arts, education, and media organizations' financial investments in technical equipment.

Net Neutrality

- ✓ Continue to support net neutrality, which preserves an open Internet where artists and creative entrepreneurs can reach potential audiences, build businesses, and contribute to culture.

Music Licensing

- ✓ Fairly compensate music creators by opposing the "Local Radio Freedom Act" (H. Con. Res. 13 and S. Con. Res. 6) resolution. Terrestrial radio is the only medium that broadcasts music but does not compensate artists or labels for the performance.