

Good Afternoon,

I am a resident of Madison in support of HB6119. The Arts and Culture will be key to giving visitors and new homeowners here in CT something to look forward to this summer as we begin to re-engage in outdoor entertainment in our lovely shoreline state. I have loved attending outdoor theater ---the Shakespearian plays on the Guilford Green. And Mystic Seaport, a favorite, is a wonderful place to take in our seafaring past, and tours on the water.

Additionally, many of our new residents have come from NYC and have enjoyed a variety of great culture, including museums, and art exhibits. It would be a mistake to let that gap go unfilled. By offering the wealth of talent we have here in CT opportunities to fund historical speakers on different greens around the state we can both entertain and instruct young and older in our marvelous history.

I strongly urge you to consider increasing funds from the Hotel tax for our Arts & Culture sector, vital in a well-rounded community and to our visitors!
Thank you! Bettina Braisted, Madison, CT