

February 10, 2021

Dear Representatives,

I am a Cheshire, CT resident and give my enthusiastic support to HB6119, An Act Concerning Arts, Culture and Tourism Funding, that will benefit those interests and support the efforts of Ball & Socket Arts of Cheshire.

The mission of Ball & Socket Arts is to convert an abandoned button factory and brown field site with historic buildings to a mixed-use arts and cultural center in central Cheshire that will enhance the town's culture, commerce and employment. Old factories given new life as cultural centers have successfully driven economic development in towns and cities across the country, improving the lives of residents, visitors, artists and business owners alike. This project will also by necessity clean up the environment in the center of a town of 30,000 citizens.

I urge you to pass this act that will make a substantial impact on the arts, culture and tourism in Connecticut.

Sincerely,

Anthony R. Carter
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