

To Whom it May Concern

I am writing in support of HB 6119 "An Act Concerning arts, Culture and Tourism Funding." I urge you to support his initiative. Universally, artists and cultural institutions have created content that underpins so much of what drives local and statewide economies, the human spirit, and the future of the planet. Historically, creators are marginalized and bypassed when it comes to support when it is exactly this kind of work that supports so many other enterprises locally and statewide. It is only right that the arts are afforded the kind of recognition and support that tourism enjoys as the arts in all their forms are exactly the kind of energy and uniqueness that helps drive tourism itself. And to fund this initiative through an additional charge against hotel occupancy seems perfectly logical.

Thank you for your concern and consideration.

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