

Members of the Commerce Committee:

As a non-profit addressing the needs of underserved students in the Greater New Haven community, The Monk Youth Jazz and STEAM Collective, Inc. recognizes and supports HB 6119 as meaningful legislation to bolster and maintain line-item funding to charitable organizations like CT Humanities. Our recent projects have been made possible by CT Humanities grants; but we have also been able to plan online educational offerings including Constitutional Law, Music, Pre-Engineering, Human Anatomy, and Dance for our students, subject to availability.

New Haven, our target community, is home to several excellent colleges and universities, such as Yale, SCSU, and Albertus Magnus College. In order to be prepared for academic pursuit at such institutions, our students require substantive, compelling enrichment provided by the best instructors available. Our illustrious Board includes widely-acclaimed attorneys, musicians, State department supervisors, engineers, and entrepreneurs who have donated their time to help launch our venture. CT Humanities' faith in our program, backed with the bestowment of grants essential to our progress, is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for this opportunity to explain the positive impact of CT Humanities on The Monk Youth Jazz and STEAM Collective, Inc. during our opening year!

Sincerely,

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