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Committee on Commerce  
Legislative Office Building  
300 Capital Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Commerce Committee,

My name is Susan Glantz and I am writing to urge your support of Proposed Bill No. HB 6119, An Act Concerning Arts, Culture and Tourism Funding.

Arts and culture enrich our communities, are essential to our well-rounded lives and are critical to tourism in our state. Without them our lives would be dull. In addition, they complement and augment the natural beauty of our surroundings which forms the core attraction for tourists, and tourism is an important part of our economy.

In normal times, I enjoy theater, movies, art galleries, restaurants, concerts, fairs and festivals. In the face of COVID-19, these activities have become very limited and are sorely missed. I think it is extremely important for the State to support the arts and culture; and in our current crisis, they need extra help in order to survive. This includes smaller entities and individual artists as well as large well-established theaters, concert halls and other venues.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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