

Dear Representative John-Michael Parker,

My name is Patty Hartmann and I am writing to you in support of HB6119, *An Act Concerning Arts, Culture and Tourism Funding*, that will greatly affect the Tourism, Arts and Culture communities and support the efforts of Ball & Socket Arts of Cheshire CT.

Ball & Socket Arts mission is to convert a historic button manufacturing factory to a mixed-use arts and cultural center to Cheshire, CT that will enhance its standing as a place to live, work and invest. Old Factories, given new life as cultural centers have successfully driven economic development in towns like Cheshire across the country and have improved the lives of people in the area and have attracted visitors, benefitting businesses large and small.

Funding for the Arts and Tourism is vitally important for myself, my community and the economic development of Connecticut. I urge you to act on this issue in order to make a substantial impact on the Arts and Culture sector in the state.

If you like more information or insight into the impact of this bill on the Arts and Culture community, I would be happy to connect with you, explain my point of view, and provide other resources for you to fully understand the importance of this issue.

Sincerely,

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