

Testimony in support of HB6119

we are writing as Connecticut citizens who believe that where the art is, is where the people want to be. We strongly support the proposed Bill No. 6119, An Act Concerning Arts, Culture and Tourism Funding.

Connecticut already has so much art and culture to offer tourists as well as potential residents, but the word just needs to get out there. Connecticut needs to support the arts and culture to attract tourists and to our region. Once here, people will be able to see all that Connecticut has to offer.

We would like to see expanded efforts made in establishing Connecticut as a cultural hub where people can be immersed in the arts. People visit New York City and Boston to see art, museums and shows as well as to shop. Connecticut should and can be that same kind of destination if this becomes our goal and the resources are allocated there and the arts supported. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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