

I am writing to give my support for HB 6110, An Act Concerning Arts, Culture and Tourism.

The Mattatuck Museum has been fortunate to receive funding from CT Humanities and The council of the Arts.

This funding has helped us secure much needed COVID 19 personal protection equipment and supplies that allow our employees and visitors to feel safe in the museum. In addition, it has allowed us to develop virtual school tours for all of Waterbury's 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students.

While students are not allowed to come to the museum, the virtual tours give them a sense of consistency with prior years. We have received much favorable feedback from educators, administrators and parents.

These tours along with the museum's presence in downtown Waterbury help to enrich our community by allowing underserved audiences access to art and history.

For these reasons I strongly urge the passing of HB 6119.

Sincerely,
Janice Shambor,
Finance Manager – Mattatuck Museum