

This Bill 6119 offers additional invaluable financial support to the ARTS and Tourism in CT during this tragic pandemic year, when the financial losses by arts organizations and their loss of in-person connection have been extreme, with no traveling and no congregating. They are enduring the loss of audiences, of programs, of income, and have had to layoff staff, resulting in even more hardships for their CT families.

By passing this bill, I feel that our CT legislators both acknowledge and applaud the universal and essential contributions made by the arts in nourishing the soul of our CT communities, nourishing the souls of each of us, especially now. Our arts organizations with skeletal staff, mostly working from home, need this support, as they continue to creatively reimagine their programs to offer a beacon of light with Zoom during a tragic year of isolation. Especially now, the Arts give us hope.

Please support Bill 6119.

(i am one of the lucky ones, at 83, a very healthy, active resident of CT for 62 years, and a participant and donor in many arts organizations during both my professional and retired volunteer life)

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