

TO: Connecticut General Assembly

February 18, 2021

RE: Governor's FY 2022 - 2023 proposed budget

Governor's budget proposes to replenish the Tourism Fund to its pre-pandemic level, ensuring no funding cuts to the arts community and I support this proposal.

I also agree that funding from the General Fund be channeled to the Tourism Fund to restore to flat funding.

I have been a Connecticut resident my entire life and have had a career in professional theatre from Bridgeport to East Haddam. In addition, I was one of the co-founders of the CT Chapter of the League of Professional Theatre Women, an organization that advocates for women in theatre.

Many arts organizations are suffering right now and the small ones will potentially never re-open.

As a 37 year employee at Goodspeed Musicals, the jewel box on the Connecticut River, let's ensure its future in producing quality theatre for the world to enjoy.

Thank you for listening.

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