

Hello,

It has recently come to my attention that Music Haven, a non-profit arts institution in New Haven that primarily serves underprivileged students, has been forgotten on the state budget, [as it was in 2020](#).

With the pandemic affecting so many's education, especially from low-income communities, **funding programs that enrich children's intellectual development, provide access to mentors and role models, and provide a sense of stability is more important than ever**. The pandemic has only illustrated how vital the arts are to our society, as [people spend more time at home, consuming media than ever before](#).

Cutting local arts education institutions such as Music Haven from the state budget, as strained as it may be, would amount to abandoning our state's children when they most need help.

Sincerely,
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