

Candidate:   
Party:   
State:   
District:



**Question: What is your personal background and experience in the arts? (check all that apply)**

Instrumental     Vocal     Visual     Dance     Theater     Photography     Literary     Other

Additional Comments (optional):

**Question: What arts activities have you attended, participated in, or supported in the last year?**

Music     Theater     Visual Arts     Dance     Literary Arts     Other     None

Additional Comments (optional):

**Background:** The budget of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) was cut in half during the 1990s. With its current funding of \$153 million, the NEA spends just 47 cents per American—half the cost of a pack of gum.

**Question: Would you support a plan to increase federal arts funding to the NEA to \$1 per American, so that arts organizations in your state or district can present even more accessible arts programs for all its residents?**

Strongly Agree     Agree     Disagree     Undecided

Additional Comments (optional):

**Background:** With the implementation of *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA), states now have more responsibility for providing a well-rounded education – including the arts. Support for arts education can best be done when states are provided adequate funding and resources to administer, research and provide accountability for arts education programs.

**Question: Would you support full funding (\$1.6 billion) of the Well-Rounded Education provisions of ESSA, including data collection of arts education programs by the states and advocating for the integration of the arts into STEM education?**

Strongly Agree     Agree     Disagree     Undecided

Additional Comments (optional):

**Background:** Nonprofit arts organizations are charities and on average, 25 percent of their annual budgets rely on donations made by individual taxpayers to serve the public good. The charitable tax deduction incentive is currently only available to individuals who itemize their tax returns. Unfortunately, the pool of itemizers has been significantly diminished as result of the recent changes in the federal tax reform law.

**Question: Would you support a Universal Charitable Deduction, so all taxpayers have the incentive to donate?**

Strongly Agree     Agree     Disagree     Undecided

Additional Comments (optional):

**Background:** Currently, the creative economy is an impressive \$730 billion industry, representing 4.2% of the nation's Gross Domestic Product. However, the artists, entrepreneurs, small businesses and nonprofit organizations that support them are often disconnected from our nation's economic development and assistance programs.

**Question: Would you support federal legislation to strengthen opportunities for artists, nonprofit arts organizations, and small businesses in the creative sector to fully access economic development programs?**

Strongly Agree     Agree     Disagree     Undecided

Additional Comments (optional):

For more detailed information on these arts policy issues, please visit [www.ArtsActionFund.org/LegislativePriorities](http://www.ArtsActionFund.org/LegislativePriorities).

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