FLORIDA's Arts & Culture $4.7 billion nonprofit industry SUPPORTS Americans for the Arts' National Arts Action Summit March 4 & 5, 2019, and its REQUESTS of the 116th Congress.

We URGE FLORIDA'S members of CONGRESS to

Realize the IMPACT of Arts & Culture

"Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere." Albert Einstein

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RESTORE federal-partnership investment in the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to $167.5 million for FY 2020.

In FY 1992, Congress invested $175.9 million
In FY 2019, Congress invested $155 million

FY 2020 — continue bipartisan support with a budget of $167.5 million for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in the FY 2020 Interior Appropriation bill to preserve access to the cultural, educational, and economic benefits of the arts and to advance creativity and innovation in communities across Florida and the U.S.

Details and Facts: https://www.americansforthearts.org/sites/default/files/1.%20NEA.pdf
NEA Grants to Florida in 2017-2018: https://www.americansforthearts.org/sites/default/files/FL%

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INVEST and PARTNER in arts education funding and policies:

a. **Appropriate $40 million for the Assistance for Arts Education** (AAE) programs in the FY 2020 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill. The AAE program is authorized under Title IV of the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA). **Details and Facts:** https://www.americansforthearts.org/sites/default/files/3.%20Arts%20Education%20Funding.pdf

b. **Strengthen access to higher education in the arts** through reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. **Details and Facts:** https://www.americansforthearts.org/sites/default/files/4.%20Higher%20Education.pdf

c. **Strengthen equitable access to arts education** through the well-rounded education provisions of the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA). **Details and Facts:** https://www.americansforthearts.org/sites/default/files/5.%20ESSA.pdf

d. **Unified Statement on Arts Education** https://www.americansforthearts.org/sites/default/files/6.%20Arts%20Education%20Unified%20Statement.pdf

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RESTORE and EXPAND the full value and scope of **charitable giving incentives for all tax payers** through enacting a **universal charitable deduction** and further policies that will strengthen the nonprofit community.

Take action to **REPEAL** the new tax on nonprofit expenses; **STRENGTHEN** the capacity of the arts sector to support communities; and **PROTECT** nonprofit nonpartisanship.

Details and Facts: **https://www.americansforthearts.org/sites/default/files/7.%20Tax%20Policy.pdf**

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ENACT the **Artist-Museum Partnership Act**, which would allow artists to deduct the fair market value of their work when they donate it to charitable collecting institutions.

UPDATE the Qualified Performing Artists Tax Deduction and **REINSTATE** deductions for unreimbursed employee business expenses.

MAINTAIN artist eligibility in the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program, the income tax exemption for private activity bonds, and the Historic Tax Credit.

Details and Facts:
https://www.americansforthearts.org/sites/default/files/8.%20Tax%20Fairness%20for%20Artists%20and%20Writers.pdf

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SUPPORT $38.6 million for FY 2020 for the **Office of Museum Services** (OMS) within the recently reauthorized Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

SIGN appropriations letters to be circulated by Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and by Representatives Paul Tonko (D-NY), David McKinley (R-WV), and Chellie Pingree (D-ME).

Details and Facts:
https://www.americansforthearts.org/sites/default/files/9.%20Office%20of%20Museum%20Services.pdf

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FUND the **Corporation for Public Broadcasting** (CPB) at no less than **$445 million.**

Details and Facts:
https://www.americansforthearts.org/sites/default/files/10.%20Corporation%20for%20Public%20Broadcasting.pdf

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REVIEW ALL ISSUE BRIEFS for Congress' Consideration:
Access *Americans for Arts'* *2019 Congressional Arts Handbook* at
https://www.americansforthearts.org/by-program/reports-and-data/legislation-policy/legislative-issue-center/congressional-arts-handbook

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