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Dear Washington State Senators and Representatives

The Washington State Arts Commission (ArtsWA) has been the state's instrument for investing in our creative economy for over 60 years. As a local non-profit we rely on their annual support for general operations as well as our art education programs. They have been a leader in statewide inclusion and program development to meet the needs of our communities.

Our current gap in funding resulted in 340 eligible organizations to be declined for FY24 funding. This should not happen. Our creative economy is one of the strongest in the nation, yet we rank near the bottom on per capita funding.

On behalf of the Schack Art Center, we fully support ArtsWa's proposal of funding the arts at \$2 per capita to close the ever-increasing funding gap.

Sincerely,

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