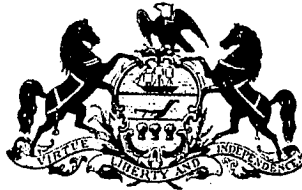


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December 4, 2007

Governor Edward G Rendell  
225 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Rendell,

Please support the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts' (PCA) request to increase their funding by \$2 million over the next three years. The PCA's budget is currently \$16 million per year and has been frozen at this limit for many years, while the number of institutions to which it gives grants has increased substantially; from two hundred and fifty five years ago to approximately four hundred in this fiscal year. Consequently, support for almost every worthy institution supported by the PCA has declined. A \$2 million increase per year would result in small increases in funding for each institution in each of the next three years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

*Chris Ross*

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158<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

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