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The Honorable Governor Ed Rendell
 Room 225 Main Capitol
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Governor Rendell:

I was approached recently by Greensburg officials who asked for an increase in the state funding of the Pennsylvania Council of the Arts. As an enthusiastic supporter of the arts, and being appreciative of the role the arts have taken in the revitalization of Greensburg, I believe this is a worth while request.

As I am sure you know, the PCA has been forced to reduce the sizes of awards to grantees this year, which I believe is not in keeping with the progressive spirit of the council. I have been told that Pennsylvania also does not compare well with our neighbor states when comparing arts funding.

To address these concerns, I support the requested budgetary increase for the PCA of \$2 million annually for the next three years on the condition that it is made part of an overall budget that constrains the growth of government programs, consistent with Senate Bill 7, my proposed Taxpayer Protection Act.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

BOB REGOLA
 State Senator
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