



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

December 18, 2007

The Honorable Edward G. Rendell, Governor  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
225 Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Gov. Ed. Rendell:

I am writing to ask your support for an increase of \$2 million per year for three years to the budget for the Pennsylvania Council of the Arts.

As you are well aware the arts contribute to the quality of life and provide a valuable education to many in the Commonwealth. Non-profit arts and culture organizations are a billion dollar industry and are a credible economic tool. In Allegheny County alone the arts industry expenditures are \$341.6 million, generating \$33.8 million in revenue for Local and State Government.

I am convinced that investment in the Pennsylvania Council of the Arts is important to the vitality of the Commonwealth and the economic growth of many non-profit and educational institutions that support the Arts in our great State.

Sincerely,

Catherine Baker Knoll  
Lieutenant Governor

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