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December 12, 2007

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

Dear Governor Rendell:

I am writing to support a \$2 million increase to the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts for each of the next three years. The Council on the Arts has received level funding over the past 2 years, while receiving an increased amount of applications for assistance. This increase will allow the council to increase the amount and number of grants they provide to arts groups throughout the Commonwealth. The \$2 million increase is a wise investment, since the arts generate \$84.4 million annually in state taxes, and 40,000 jobs.

Again thank you for contacting me. If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Senator Mike Stack
5th Senatorial District

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CC: Ms. Peggy Amsterdam