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MEMORANDUM

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From: [Senator Timothy P. Kearney](#)
To: All Senate members
Subject: American Rescue Plan (ARP) Dollars for Arts and Culture

In the future, I plan to introduce legislation that would allocate \$25,000,000 from American Rescue Plan dollars to support our arts programs and facilities throughout the Commonwealth.

I have heard from several arts institutions who are still struggling with their economic recovery from the impacts of COVID-19. While some organizations may have qualified for various programs for assistance, many are still struggling. My legislation is intended to target organizations that may have missed out on previous programs.

Specifically, the legislation would have three programs:

1. A \$10 million allocation of funding to be administered regionally by the Pennsylvania Council on the Art's (PCA) Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts regranting partners to be allocated on a per county per capita basis. Applicants would be eligible to apply for non-matching grants up to \$10,000. These grants would target small arts organizations.
2. A \$10 million allocation of funding to PCA directly for non-matching grants up to \$25,000. Eligible applicants are current year grantees of PCA's Arts Organizations and Arts Programs, Entry Track, or Preserving Diverse Cultures (Intermediate or Advanced levels) funding programs; and organizations that have not been awarded, in aggregate, \$500,000 or more in federal relief funds. These funds will target smaller to mid-sized organization.
3. An additional \$5 million allocation to PCA to administer a program to support community recovery and resiliency through the arts. These funds would support partnerships among public, private, and non-profit entities to enhance the physical, economic, and social character of their communities. Grants would be provided of up to \$100,000 based on a competitive review process and priority would be given to applications that provide matching funds and support activity in low-income communities as defined by the Small Business Administration or counties in "transition" status defined by the Appalachian Regional Commission.

I hope that you will join me in co-sponsoring this legislation and support our still struggling arts institutions.
