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As a Seattle resident (98199) I write today to urge support for our local cultural arts organizations and venues.

I am particularly glad to see that some funds in this legislation are earmarked for arts and culture organizations and music venues, as these have been hit hard by the pandemic and the Seattle area would suffer greatly from their loss.

As a former board member of Seattle Shakespeare, a patron of several local theaters and venues, and a believer that the arts uplifts and connects us all - I urgently appeal to you and the King County Council to protect and support our cultural arts "hearts."

I've observed the deep and profound effect our cultural arts communities have on our youngest populations, instilling hope, courage and confidence. I've watched marginalized communities feel pride as they are represented on stage and I've seen loneliness disappear as spoken word or music fills the emptiness that many seniors feel as they find themselves isolated.

Even in these times of pandemic need - cultural arts MATTER. I humbly urge you to ensure funding and support our inspiring cultural arts organizations.

Respectfully,
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