

(Today's Date)

The Honorable Jeremiah "Jay" Nixon
Governor
State Capitol Building
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Governor Nixon:

On behalf of Missouri Citizens for the Arts, I would like to thank you for your support and funding for the Missouri Arts Council for Fiscal Year 2016. The arts positively contribute to Missouri's economy. In 2014, MAC funding supported over 500 grants that created over 6,100 jobs, and generated \$4.3 million in state tax revenues.

In an effort to increase the impact of the arts in Missouri, the Missouri Citizens for the Arts is respectfully requesting \$10 million in funding for Fiscal Year 2017. This would represent 60% of the revenue collected from the non-resident professional Athlete and Entertainers' tax.

MAC funds every Missouri Senate district and 80% of the House districts. MAC grantees produced over 16,000 events across the state attended by 8.6 million people. The arts clearly improve quality of life in all communities and make Missouri a better place to locate businesses.

Once again, thank you for your continued support for the Arts! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, or Missouri Citizens for the Arts' Governmental Affairs Consultant, Kyna Iman at 314-651-1185.

Respectfully,

(Your Name)