



April 30, 2013

Honorable Senator Ginny Burdick, Co-Chair  
Honorable Representative Phil Barnhart, Co-Chair  
Joint Committee on Tax Credits  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Support of SB 319 and HB 2470- Extends sunset for tax credit for contributions to Trust for Cultural Development

Dear Chair Burdick, Chair Barnhart and Members of the Joint Committee on Tax Credits:

As a member of the Beaverton Arts Foundation, I strongly support these two bills which would extend the tax credit for contributions to the Oregon Cultural Trust.

One of the hardest things for nonprofits to do is secure ongoing support and funding. If the sunset on this bill is not extended, we will lose an important funding stream. The Beaverton Arts Foundation has received modest grants from the Washington County Coalition. Since 2005, the Beaverton Arts Foundation and Beaverton Arts Commission combined have received nearly \$20,000 from the Washington County Coalition.

The main mission of the Beaverton Arts Foundation is to support the Beaverton Arts Commission by raising funds to benefit their programs and activities that are consistent with the emerging cultural and artistic environment.

It's important for there to be a variety of funding resources for nonprofits. With many of our revenue streams drying up, it has become increasingly difficult to find new funding sources. Once we have applied and received funding from a group, we can't go back for more funding for a few years.

The arts enhance our quality of life, deepen our culture and help strengthen our unity as a community. It is important that we extend the cultural tax credit to uphold our state's cultural heritage and to support the arts.

For these reasons, I urge your support for SB 319 and HB 2470.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denny Doyle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Denny Doyle  
Mayor