



February 15, 2019

Rep. John Lively, Chair
House Committee on Economic Development, c/o hecd.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov

RE: SB 2052, Oregon Cultural Trust
Extends tax credit for contributions to the Trust for Cultural Development Account

Chair Lively and Committee Members:

On behalf of the board and staff of Disjecta Contemporary Art Center, we ask for your support of HB 2052, extending the tax credit for contributions to the Oregon Cultural Trust for ten years.

Disjecta has benefited from the work of the Cultural Trust in many ways. Our unique Curator in Residence program, which gives emerging curators the opportunity to mount exhibitions throughout a one year residency in Disjecta's 6,000 square feet of program space, is supported this year with a Cultural Development grant from the Trust.

Through a smaller grant from the Multnomah County Cultural Coalition, part of the Cultural Trust's network of county and tribal cultural coalitions, we expanded free public programming to reach a more diverse audience during a major exhibit by the artist Sondra Perry.

Our 12,000 square foot facility in Kenton in North Portland serves not only Disjecta but is home to three other arts nonprofits and a commercial gallery. We have become an important center in a rapidly changing neighborhood.

The Cultural Trust has been pivotal in linking and creating more awareness of the value of Oregon's urban, rural and suburban cultural resources. This continues to be a powerful unifying force across the state, as more people move here and our population becomes more diverse.

Renewing the cultural tax credit for an additional ten years through HB 2052 is a good investment for Oregon – one that pays back in many ways. Thank you for all that you do for Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christine D'Arcy".

Christine D'Arcy
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