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Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Barnhart, Vice-Chairs Smith Warner and Bentz, and Committee Members:

I am writing to urge your support of HB2132, which will extend the Oregon Cultural Trust tax credit for six years and provide critical support for this unique and special entity.

I live in Estacada – a small rural community 30 miles southeast of Portland in Clackamas County – and I can tell you that funds from the Cultural Trust that go through the grant program of Clackamas County Cultural Coalition have had a huge impact on our town. We have received funds for our annual Estacada Summer Celebration – a 20-year-old arts and music festival that brings folks to our downtown core for amazing performances, hands on art experiences for kids, an art fair and the painting of a street labyrinth. The Artback Artist Cooperative – a group of local professional artists that has created a large-scale outdoor mural every year for the past 25 years – has also been regularly funded. As has Estacada Together, an arts education non-profit that sponsors extended school residencies in the Estacada Middle School. For the past five years these students have worked with blues singer Ellen Whyte on a songwriting/performance residency connected to their social studies curriculum that culminates in a community performance.

Thousands of Estacadans receive benefits every year because of this grant program that recognizes the needs of smaller communities and the impact that even a few thousand dollars can have. We are a stronger and more beautiful town because of it.

Thank you for considering this six-year extension. We are so fortunate in Oregon to have the Cultural Trust and I hope you recognize it for the treasure it is.

And thank you for all the work you do for our amazing state!

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