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Dear Committee Members,

As the Executive Director of The Arts Center (serving Corvallis and surrounding areas for over 56 years), and as a life-long resident of the State of Oregon, I strongly request your extension of the Tax Credit for contributions to the Oregon Cultural Trust for an additional 6-years.

I and my family personally benefit from the quality arts programming supported by the Trust every time we go to the symphony or to a play in Portland, or to the many local events we enjoy here in Corvallis.

The Arts Center is very thankful for a Trust Grant that allows us to work with artists seeking careers in the arts. Our goal is to help launch the next generation of artists and culture creators who will add to the cultural and economic vitality of our community and state. Previous grants have also supported art+science integrated programs in schools without other visual arts opportunities, and special arts exhibition projects.

We are keenly aware of the impacts of the Trust for many others in our community. One project I'll call to your attention is support to restore an historic community hall in Wren, OR. This one-street rural community now has a place for music, potlucks and other events which bring important community connections.

Thank you for your consideration of the many benefits to cultural leaders AND rural communities who depend on financial support that the Trust Tax Credit provides.

Warmly,

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