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My name is Rain Circle I submit my written testimony in support of HB 3191 Relating to support of cultural organizations

Art tells us who we are, reflects how we see ourselves tells us who we were and reminds us who we aspire to be and in that

The museum is the best first impression that any community can give to a passerby, The Museum at Warm Springs is ours and our museum is in desperate need of an upgrade to the permanent exhibit.

We have canvassed our Indian and non-Indian communities locally for input on what they would like to see at our museum and history they would know and culture they want to share, we've done what structural upgrades we could support financially but we need more.

Our committee for the permanent exhibit refurbishment has collected those ideas and wishes of the 3 Tribes of our confederation and taken those ideas to The Formations Design Team and they have produced that vision in the virtual world but we need help to bring it into this one.

The damage of media, television and stories told by non-Indian movie makers is undone by visiting The Museum at Warm Springs.

The Museum at Warm Springs let's the world know us through our own words and memories and that is the most honest story that can be told about us to students & travelers who who may never get a chance to sit with us and learn first hand who we are and how long we have been here.

The High Desert and The Museum at Warm Springs are core memories for so many students and we would be remiss'd if we didn't do all we can to keep it that way.

It is important that we receive the help needed to make that happen. It shows our people that we are cared for and it reminds our offspring that non-Indians cared about our story enough to preserve it

For myself, I quite literally have left my blood & sweat in the foundation of our museum, having helped to build it before I joined the US Army and between our artifacts and stories on display, that is a beautiful thing