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Aloha,

As an artist in the state of Hawaii I am shocked to see any cuts being taken in the arts budget.

We are losing so many young people to the streets, to gangs, to meth amphetamines, that I fear this will just hasten the spiral of gloom and doom.

Without these important art programs, grants, etc. The inspirational impetus and an important part of the Hawaiian culture will be lost. The children and adolescents of Hawaii need to have a very visible presence of the arts in their life.

This has proven effective in deterring them from street life and crime.

The esthetics of the villages, communities and big cities of our state are facing a grey void where there used to be color.

Please support all art programs and vote down any budget cuts in this very important facet of our civilization.

Joining with you

In pursuit of a Green New Hawaii

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