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I am writing to tell you that I am opposed to any of the proposed cuts to the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts.

Even in these economic problem times any cuts in this budget would wreak havoc for the great number of people working in the arts. A city without a functioning arts culture would be a dismal place to live. The downtown area would revert back to a neighborhood slum without the vibrant arts community, both visual and performing, which now exist and are blossoming.

As an educator, I conceive the arts as vital to our survival as a prosperous society. Please do not make cuts to this part of the budget.

Thank you.

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Wayne DeMello
Director of Performing Arts

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