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Dear Member of Congress:

New York Artists Equity Association, Inc. (NYAEA) is a **National Co-Sponsor of Arts Advocacy Day 2007**. Founded in 1947, NYAEA is a resource network and support group for visual artists. We provide our membership, of approximately 2,500, access to health insurance, legal referrals and rights (taxes, copyright, and other arts related issues), a web site, (www.anny.org), a Slide Registry, and our informative publication, *The Artists Proof*.

On behalf of the members of NYAEA, we support the legislation set forth in the Arts Advocacy Day 2007 agenda. NYAEA is focused on changing the tax code to allow for charitable deduction of artists' own artistic work at full market value for contributions to museums, libraries, and other cultural institutions. In addition, NYAEA supports the funding of the Challenge America initiative which promotes creativity and awards grants for arts education, cultural preservation, community arts partnerships, and improved access to the arts for all Americans.

NYAEA supports increased funding for the NEA, NEH, and IMLS. We urge you to support pending legislation and to support increased funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the NEH, and the NEA.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Vice President, Legislative Committee Chair