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Dear Member of Congress:

The Southern Arts Federation is a National Co-Sponsor of Arts Advocacy Day 2008. We are a nonprofit regional arts organization with the mission of supporting and promoting the arts throughout the southeast. We work in partnership with the nine state arts agencies of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Together, we serve a very large and diverse population. Southern Arts Federation carries out its work with the support of the National Endowment for the Arts.

We feel strongly about the importance of the issues coming before this Congress. Specifically, we urge you to support the following:

The approval of funding for the National Endowment for the Arts that moves its budget toward the \$176 million level of funding it reached in 1992.

Increased funding for the National Endowment of the Humanities, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and the Corporation of Public Broadcasting.

The strengthening of the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act with improvements such as retention of the arts in the definition of core academic subjects, requiring annual state reports on student access to core academic subjects, improved national data collection and research in arts education, and the reauthorization of the Arts in Education programs of the U.S. Department of Education.

We believe favorable consideration of all these issues is vital to the future of our nation and our people.

Respectfully yours,

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