Summer 2021 Legislative Update

As Congress reaches its mid-year summer recess, below is a summary of the current legislative status of the bills and policies that Americans for the Arts and advocates across the country have been advocating throughout the year. The issue briefs for this legislative portfolio is online here.

These advances in arts policy have been made possible by an active and bipartisan Congressional Arts Caucus and Senate Cultural Caucus, a dedicated coalition of pro-arts organizations, and motivated grassroots advocacy leaders in every state.

Federal Cultural Agency Funding

- National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)
- National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)
- Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

Arts Education

- Arts Education for All Act

Arts & Transit

- Saving Transit Arts Resources (STAR) Act

The Creative Economy

- Creative Economy Revitalization Act (CERA)
- PLACE Act

Arts & Member Directed Spending

- Arts & Juvenile Justice Programs
- Arts Education for All Bill
- Support for the Arts through U.S. Dept. of Education Funding
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