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Dear Senator Pell,

Community Arts Partnership Act

We are writing to urge you to support the Community Arts Partnership Act as a provision of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (S. 1513). This important program would help improve the educational performance and future potential of at-risk children and youth by bringing the arts to these children through demonstration grants to eligible cultural entities. The bill thereby acknowledges the significant role the arts play in education through its unique ability to teach, communicate and inspire.

Recent research and various arts programs document that the arts stimulate learning, improve overall academic performance, develop problem-solving skills, teach discipline, promote team work and enhance self esteem.

The study of the arts provides students with unique insights into the multitude of cultural and artistic heritages that have given shape to this country.

Community Arts Partnership grants will facilitate and environment of sharing and cooperation, helping to build a sense of community and mutual respect in every neighborhood they reach.

Once again, we urge you to support this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Evelyne Tiersky,
President