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Mr. Alexander D. Grary  
Senate Subcommittee on Educ., Arts & Humanities  
4228 Dirksen Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Grary:

This is to follow up on your meeting with Mr. Leroy Hinze, Executive Director of the Western States Regional Theatre. As you will recall, Mr. Hinze has received a small start-up grant from the Old West Regional Commission, and is seeking additional funding to proceed with the proposal.

I would certainly appreciate any help you would provide to identify possible sources of funding for this purpose, and, of course, I express my continued strong support for Mr. Hinze's efforts.

The kind of program and company envisioned for the Theatre would be very meaningful in our home state of Montana and the surrounding region. Small communities in the West produce enthusiastic audiences for such productions but unfortunately in the past they have been too few and far between. The Western States Regional Theatre has the potential to add a new dimension in providing enriching theatre experiences to our farming, ranching and logging towns, as well as to Western metropolitan areas. A copy of the Theatre's prospectus is enclosed for your review. I am grateful for your consideration, and will look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Pat Williams