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Dear Senator:

On behalf of the Association of Art Museum Directors and its 170 members nationwide, we write to urge that you support Senator Jeffords' amendment to restore the five percent reduction in the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) funding and to vote against expected weakening amendments to the NEA appropriations in the FY 95 Interior Appropriations bill.

The cuts proposed are punitive. They serve no purpose but to deprive the American people nationwide of one of the finest resources the federal government has ever offered. The NEA has long been a substantial partner contributing to the success and public service of art organizations.

If the proposed cuts are sustained, the national role which the NEA plays in promoting the arts will be greatly diminished. We urge you to support the American people, support the NEA.

Sincerely,

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