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Simply put, the arts are not a frivolous luxury. To create art of any sort, or to facilitate access to the arts (as my organization does) is a critical service to one's community and to the world. Here in Maine, and across the world, we teach, we expand minds, we support local business, we provide jobs and opportunities.

Even during the pandemic, when many of us have been scrambling just to figure out how we will keep our lights on or employees paid, artists and arts organizations have found ways to brighten people's lives. Through virtual programming, outdoor shows, socially distanced gallery exhibits, and more, we have brought light into a very dark time. Without immediate assistance, many of us are in danger of disappearing for good. Maine will no longer be the special place it is without us. Please support this legislation, and allow artists, venues, and arts organizations to continue to enrich the lives of thousands of people in our state.