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Dear Member of Congress:

Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation is pleased to join our colleagues as a National Co-Sponsor of Arts Advocacy Day 2007. We see the value of the arts on a daily basis, and urge you to support legislation that supports artists and the work they do in communities across our country and throughout the world.

Working in partnership with the state art agencies of Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, the US Virgin Islands, Virginia, and West Virginia, Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation provides funding, professional support and development, and unique program opportunities to the artists and communities in the mid-Atlantic region and beyond.

Please take a moment from your busy schedule to remember an arts experience that was especially meaningful to you. We provide those experiences to hundreds of thousands of people each year – but we need your help to succeed. Please vote in favor of:

- Increased funding for federal cultural agencies including the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities.
- Passage of S.AMDT.2624, the Artist's Deduction Bill, allowing for artists to claim fair market value for donations of their work.
- Increased funding for international exchange programs through the State Department's Cultural Programs Division and the easing of restrictions on artist visas.

Thank you for understanding the value of the arts to change lives, communicate our humanity, and bring joy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Cooper". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alan W. Cooper
Executive Director

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