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Mayor Reynolds and City Council Members,

As a self-employed artist and a beneficiary of investments in the visual arts in La Crosse for the past 37 years, I am writing in support of Resolution 22-0259 to commit American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the La Crosse Arts Board for the purpose of providing funding and opportunities for artists and arts organizations, nurturing creativity and artistic expression while advocating for the arts and shaping a supportive environment for the visual arts within our community.

I believe this money can be a wise investment in the education of our children, quality of life, neighborhood pride, tourism and the entrepreneurial spirit of self-employed artists.

Respectfully,

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