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My name is Corrie Brekke, I am a La Crosse resident. I am writing this email to share that I am in full support of the legislation which is requesting \$75,000 in ARPA to be distributed to the City of La Crosse Arts Board.

I believe supporting local artists and art initiatives fosters community and helps build a sense of cultural identity. Supporting the arts is a sound choice economically as well. America's for the arts, reports numbers that are hard to ignore in support for funding such as.

Nationally, the nonprofit arts and culture industry generated \$166.3 billion of economic activity during 2015—\$63.8 billion in spending by arts and cultural organizations and an additional \$102.5 billion in event-related expenditures by their audiences. This activity supported 4.6 million jobs and generated \$27.5 billion in revenue to local, state, and federal governments.

Please consider supporting this legislation, I believe it could be the beginning of some very amazing transformations for our city.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Corrie Brekke