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Scott K. Jenkins  
Senator  
Utah Legislature, District 20

Dear Senator Jenkins:

On behalf of the Davis Arts Council, our hundreds of active volunteers, our board and staff, and the tens of thousands of people along the northern Wasatch Front that benefit from the arts programming we provide, I write you this letter of gratitude.

Believing that art has the power to change lives and change communities, we strive to fulfill our mission of “strengthening and enriching our community through the power of the arts.” We do this with three core values leading the charge: 1) creative expression, 2) excellence, and 3) accessibility. That last strategic value statement—accessibility—may be the most critical! Without the funding granted through the Utah Division of Arts & Museums under Utah’s Department of Heritage and Arts we would not be able to provide our constituents with the many free arts experiences that we present yearly. This includes our *Snow Horse Art Gallery*, *Free Sunday Night Concert Series* (the longest-running free concert series in Utah), the *Davis Arts Chamber Music Series*, *Active Stages: Arts In Education*, and *Shakespeare In The Park*.

Your support—both fiscally and otherwise—from the Utah Division of Arts and Museums, via our state legislature is a critical component to the vitality of this great state. Thank you for understanding that communities with thriving arts and culture programs are communities full of *life*. Thank you, through supporting this indispensable division of the state, for improving the lives our volunteers, artists, staff, and patrons and their families.

Senator Jenkins, the Davis Arts Council humbly asks that you continue to keep the funding for the Utah Department of Heritage and Arts as a top priority for the state of Utah. Please continue to help us enrich and strengthen our community using the power of the arts.

With sincere belief that the pen IS mightier than the sword,

Kirt Bateman  
Executive Director