[SAMPLE LETTER – GENERAL ASSEMBLY]

[Your Address]

September 23, 2013

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ :

[\*Find their capitol or local mailing address below.]

Re: State funding for the ARTS

[Dear Senator\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:] Or [Dear Representative \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:]

I am a constituent and I have lived in your district for \_\_\_\_\_ years. I support the arts, culture and humanities in our community. I am asking you to help increase state support for the arts.

I am asking you today to increase state funding for the arts by beginning to restore funds that were lost beginning in 2009. I do not expect the State to provide PRIMARY funding for the arts; however, the state should be a robust PARTNER along with individuals, corporations, foundations and local governments. The arts community wants to work closely with you in support of Georgia’s economic development, increasing cultural tourism and the creation of jobs. The arts are good for business.

Please include $1,500,000.00 for state arts funding in the FY2015 budget for the Georgia Council for the Arts. Restoring lost arts funds in the FY2015 budget will honor our state arts council’s many achievements during its 50 years, it will acknowledge Georgia’s rich cultural heritage and it will support arts education in our Georgia schools.

Please include $1,000,000.00 in additional funds in the FY2015 budget to support a statewide Community Arts Partners Program (replacing the Grass Roots Arts program) to provide funds for the arts and for local development for communities in our county and in all of our 159 counties.

Thank you for your support of the arts. Thank you for a vote to increase arts funding in Georgia.

Respectfully,

[Your Signature]

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[Note: Substitute your own text and personalize your letter. Include a copy of the Budget Proposal and a copy of the NASAA national rankings.]

[Use text from the above sample for your email message or write your own message.]

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