[SAMPLE LETTER – GOVERNOR]

[Your Address]

September 16, 2013

Honorable Nathan Deal

Governor, State of Georgia

206 Washington Street
Suite 203, State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Re: State funding for the ARTS

Dear Governor Deal:

I live in Georgia. I support the arts, culture and humanities in my community and in our state.

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 your plans for economic development, 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 funding 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 funding for the arts and for development in communities throughout the state in all of our 159 counties.

Thank you for your support of the arts in Georgia. Thank you for increasing the arts budget.

Respectfully,

[Your Signature]

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

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