Submitter: Alix Goodman

On Behalf Of: Portland Art Museum and other arts organizations

Committee: House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business

Measure: HB2459

I am writing (as a Trustee of the Portland Art Museum) to show support for HB 2459, which would provide much-needed financial assistance to Oregon arts and cultural organizations across this state.

Oregon artists and art organizations are struggling to recover from shutdowns. Jobs lost and attendance at performances and Museums is a fraction of 2019's. Attendance at the Portland Art Museum is down 50% from what was expected this year. Recovery is taking much longer than anyone anticipated so your support for HB 2459 is essential.

Oregon's vibrant scene is an attraction that makes our state an appealing place to live and work. These organizations provide vital services like youth education and fostering community.

I hope you will support this bill. Thank you, alix meier goodman | goodmanalix@gmail.com 1910 SW Montgomery Drive Portland 97201