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Measure: HB4124

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Honorable Janette Bynum, Chair

Honorable Ed Diehl and Daniel Nguyen, Vice Chairs and Committee Members

House Committee on Economic Development and Small Business

Oregon Legislature

Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support HB 4124 – Arts/Culture/Heritage Funding for Capital and Resiliency

I urge you to support SB 4124 that will assist projects remaining on the Cultural Resources Economic Fund slate funding to the arts/culture/heritage sector.

Under HB 4142 the CREF will also be a significant boost for capital projects regarding Historic Preservation efforts statewide. One of those that I personally have been following is The Chateau at the Oregon Caves that is one of the National Park “Great Lodges” and a National Historic Landmark. Friends of the Chateau at the Oregon Caves have worked for years with the National Park Service to restore the Chateau. There is a measure of total commitment to see this historic site restored to welcome the public. They have written grants, held fundraisers and sought individual’s donations to achieve their goal. The funds raised have been used to start the restoration. During these efforts other structural issues were discovered relating to future seismic events. Therefore, the restoration plans have been put on hold until the “Friends” can raise money to address these new issues. Though the NPS has supported this effort they cannot cover these costs. This is one reason why this bill is so crucial.

SB 4124 will help so many efforts. Please put your support behind this bill.

Thank you.

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