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On Behalf Of: Center For The Arts Foundation Gresham
Committee: House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business
Measure: HB4124

Dear Committee Members

We here in Gresham and East Multnomah County recognize the importance of a strong and vibrant arts and culture environment as critical to the health, safety and economic vitality of our communities. The arts and cultural organizations were particularly impacted and continue to be as a result of the effects of the pandemic. We here in this East Multnomah County area have especially struggled as funds for harder to come by for support of our local organizations who are the main support of artists, theater and musicians bringing their talents to us. We ask your support of this important measure HB41224. We present Music Mondays at Gresham, and support Reader's Theatre in our Little Theatre, which is also the scene of the Gresham Area League of Arts art exhibits open to artists from all our East metro communities. We recently launched our Spirit of Gresham website and community calendar of all the variety of arts and culture events happening here, including the June Troutdale Arts Festival and July Festival of Arts in Gresham. It is these events that bring people together and out learning about what's available in their community. These events and happenings are important to maintaining a strong economic environment for our small businesses.

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