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Dear Friend of Preservation:

If you value the role of the arts in New York State, please make your voice heard!

As you likely know, arts and culture are closely intertwined with the economic viability of communities throughout the Empire State, and funding from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) plays a central role in advancing historic preservation.

Among other preservation-related funding, NYSCA underwrites the Preservation League's **Preserve New York** grant program, which has achieved significant results over the past seventeen years, including:

- Since 1993, Preserve New York has awarded over \$1.4 million in direct support to 233 projects undertaken by not-for-profit groups and municipalities;
- \$22 million in cash has been leveraged and almost \$570,000 in labor, services and materials were donated to PNY-funded projects;
- Close to 20,000 historically and architecturally significant places were documented as a result of the program; and
- Over 12,700 places have received recognition and protection through local, state and national landmark designation.

Unfortunately, the Governor and Legislature are currently considering drastic cuts to NYSCA in the hopes of balancing New York's nearly three-month late budget.

As budget negotiations continue, we are asking members and friends of the League to contact their legislators via [this link](#) at NYSArts to seek the restoration of a 40% cut in NYSCA's budget a whopping \$16.5 million which will reduce NYSCA funding from \$41.6 million to \$25.2 million.

We have seen repeatedly that strategic grants like those made possible through Preserve New York, funded by the New York State Council for the Arts and administered by the Preservation League, create outcomes that benefit not only the grant recipients but the state as a whole.

Preserve New York is but one example of the programming that is put at risk through the drastic reduction in funding that NYSCA is being asked to bear. If you would like to know how much NYSCA funding went to your legislator's

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district, follow the link below, click on all programs, then the year 2010, and finally the number of the district:

http://www.nysca.org/grant_app/org_search.cfm .

Please contact your Senate and Assembly members and leaders via [this link](#) and voice your support for the restoration of funding for NYSCA. If you've been involved with a Preserve New York grant, seen such funding put to use in your community, or value other arts funding provided by NYSCA, please share these details in your correspondence.

Many thanks for your support for NYSCA and historic preservation,

Sincerely,



Jay DiLorenzo
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