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Senator Gary Stevens State Capitol Room 103 Juneau AK 99801 senator.Gary.Stevens@akleg.gov

Re: Support for Senate Bill 71

Dear Senator Stevens.

The Kodiak Arts Council supports SB 71 and it's provisions pertaining to the Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA).

As you know ASCA provides many essential services to local arts organizations and artists throughout Alaska including technical support, professional development, resource sharing, and grant programs leveraging public and private dollars. I am restraining my desire to fill pages of narrative with praise for ASCA staff and their work to strengthen the Alaska arts economy, support arts opportunities in Alaska communities, and help ensure all students have access to a culturally-responsive and arts-rich public education. To be brief and clear: we appreciate this work to strengthen ASCA's capacity and support all components of the legislation as written.

Sincerely,

Katie Oliver

Executive Director