

Don't Let Harrisburg Mortgage Our Future

PROPOSED FUNDING CUTS WOULD DEVASTATE OUR REGION'S CULTURAL SECTOR



Courtesy of Please Touch Museum

Last year, 15 million people experienced our region's incredible history, arts and cultural organizations. Two out of every five were kids. Almost half of them went for free.

They walked through the heart at The Franklin, experienced the magic of theater at the Arden Theatre Company, visited the Liberty Bell, toured Bartram's Garden, and sang with the Chester Children's Chorus.

Our future as a region and a nation depends on the conscious development of our kids' creativity. The United States has built and maintained its world leadership on the strength of its innovation — the very innovation stimulated by access to arts, culture and heritage.

But the future of those opportunities, and many more just like them, are threatened by budget fights in Harrisburg.

Pennsylvania doesn't spend a lot of money on culture — just half of a penny for every dollar — but the return on that investment is powerful. Every dollar invested in culture by the Commonwealth actually returns \$2.50 to Harrisburg in state tax revenues. So, the proposed slashing of culture would not only hurt our kids, it would also hurt our budget — and that's just fiscally irresponsible.

PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS INCLUDE:

**\$14
MILLION**

TOTAL BUDGET CUT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS

**\$2.4
MILLION**

50% BUDGET CUT TO THE STATE LIBRARY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**\$2.7
MILLION**

TOTAL BUDGET CUT IN MUSEUM ASSISTANCE GRANTS THROUGH THE PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC AND MUSEUM COMMISSION

**\$163
THOUSAND**

TOTAL BUDGET CUT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S MULTICULTURAL HERITAGE & ETHNIC STUDIES PROGRAM

X

ELIMINATION OF THE STATE RECORDS CENTER, AND REDUCED HOURS OF OPERATION OF THE STATE ARCHIVES

X

SUBSTANTIAL CUTS IN FUNDING TO ZOOS, FILM, AND PUBLIC BROADCASTING

YOU CAN PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING BY LETTING PENNSYLVANIA'S STATE SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES KNOW THAT CULTURE COUNTS. DON'T LET OUR ARTS, HISTORY AND HERITAGE DISAPPEAR. ACT NOW!

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