

Cosponsor the bipartisan Creative Economy Revitalization Act

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Creative Economy Revitalization Act

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Dear Colleague,

Please join as a cosponsor of the bipartisan *Creative Economy Revitalization Act*. Creative workers have been some of the most severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. At the height of the pandemic in 2020, 63 percent of creative workers experienced unemployment. That translates to over 2 million Americans.

The creative economy is essential to the U.S. economy. Our country exports art, music, and film to the entire globe. Since the start of the pandemic, the U.S. has lost an estimated \$15.2 billion in the arts and cultural sector alone. Just as important as these livelihoods is the well-being of communities they serve. The pandemic has not only affected individuals and families, but eroded social fabric as people were unable to gather, to mourn and celebrate together, to support each other and their communities in person.

The *Creative Economy Revitalization Act* would get creative workers back into jobs by creating a competitive workforce grants program within the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The Department of Labor, in coordination with the National Endowment for the Arts, would administer the grants eligible to government, non-profit, for-profit organizations, and state and local workforce boards. The *Creative Economy Revitalization Act* would require that grantees create art that is public and accessible to the entire community such as free concert series, large-scale murals, photography exhibits, published stories, or dance performances.

As our Nation recovers from the pandemic, we have a responsibility to lift up those who were hit hard. This includes our country's creative workers and the communities they serve. We have the opportunity to put Americans to work creating art that unites our communities. In a time when our nation is so divided, we

desperately need to be reminded of our cultures and shared experiences and what binds us together as Americans.

To sign on as a cosponsor, please fill out [this form](#). You may contact Adeline DeYoung at adeline.deyoung@mail.house.gov in Congresswoman Leger Fernandez's office or Collin Sabine at collin.sabine@mail.house.gov in Congressman Obernolte's office with any questions.

Sincerely,

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