



January 9, 2008

The Honorable Dave Jones  
Member of the California State Assembly  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Position: SUPPORT**  
Location: Rules Committee

**RE: ACR 85 Arts Month February 2008**

Dear Assembly Member Jones:

California Arts Advocates (CAA) is a nonprofit organization that represents artists, arts organizations, and Californians who support the arts. Its membership is a broad spectrum of budget sizes, arts disciplines, diverse cultures, audiences and regions.

On behalf of its members, arts stakeholders and the families they serve, CAA thanks you for introducing ACR 85 and supports its passage. The arts preserve and enhance our cultural heritage, strengthen our sense of national, state and community identity, bring families closer together and make communities more desirable locations in which to live, work and raise a family.

Nonprofit arts organizations in California provide \$5.4 billion in economic activity annually, supporting more than 160,000 jobs and generating \$300 million in local and state revenue. These same organizations reach out to their communities in numerous ways, such as: Free performances and admissions to museums; programs that serve children who are homeless, at-risk and challenged by various health conditions, such as autism, cancer and diabetes; rural, urban and suburban programs; unique learning and rehabilitation programs for seniors with Alzheimer's and Parkinson's; before, during and after school programs; therapy for disabled veterans; and training for juveniles and adults who are incarcerated or in prison re-entry programs.

ACR85, proclaiming February 2008 as Arts Month, shines a spotlight on the deep public value of the arts and how California's dynamic artists and arts organizations contribute to the vitality and creativity that California is so proud of. CAA urges your colleagues to support this resolution.

If there are any questions, please feel free to call our legislative advocate, Ms. Kathryn Lynch at (916) 443-0202. Thank you for your commitment to arts and a better, more creative California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Cullen Caretto", written in a cursive style.

Lisa Cullen Caretto  
Executive Director

CC: Members of the Senate Rules Committee  
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