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Dear Arts Supporters,

Friday afternoon, a terrible amendment, authored by Senator Coburn (R-OK), was included in the Senate's version of the economic stimulus passage. The Coburn Amendment prohibits stimulus funds going to "any *aquarium, zoo, golf course, swimming pool, stadium, community park, museum, theater, art center, and highway beautification project.*"

The amendment passed by a vote of 73 to 24. **California's Senator Boxer opposed the amendment, but Senator Feinstein voted in favor, even though she is a member of the Senate Cultural Caucus.**

Please contact Senator Feinstein to express your disappointment. Then, thank Senator Boxer for her support of the arts and culture. You can also fax your message directly to the Senators, or call their offices, either in Washington or here in California.

[Click here to write to Senators Feinstein and Boxer today.](#)

Click [here](#) for Senator Feinstein's phone numbers.

Click [here](#) for Senator Boxer's phone numbers.

Sincerely,

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Thank you to our [members](#) who make our advocacy work possible at the local, state and national level.

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Strengthen the voice of the arts on three levels: Statewide, locally and nationally.

When you support the arts locally, statewide and nationally, the arts message grows stronger. When you forward CAA legislative updates and action alerts to your colleagues, board members and friends, you build public awareness for essential grassroots arts advocacy efforts. Please [join California Arts Advocates](#), become a member of the [Americans for the Arts Action Fund](#) and support our [local partners](#) so all of us can work together to gain a greater public investment in the arts and make arts available for everyone, everywhere.