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Governor Haley,

I am a young artist and I fear that our nation is rid itself of art programs to a large extent. Our nation needs arts eduction, art teaches how to look at things from all perspectives. To think and reason for yourself. Not only that, I know though my own work, art brings joy to people. I have been contacted by many people who tell me my photography brightened their day. Art, also is an effective mode to disseminate ideas and open a frank dialogue about the issues of the day. Art is the universal language, with shapes, colours, and moods it speaks to the intellect, mind and soul. It transcends all cultural barriers to reach into the lives of others. It is very concerning that so many arts programs are being cut, through my own education, I know that art has taught me to think and reason for myself. To view the world from all vantage points. The National Endowment of the Arts, uses the tag line: A Great Nation Deserves Great Art! Are we doing all we can to support, cultivate and promote art? Art educations is for all, and the greater good of humanity. Ron Stafford