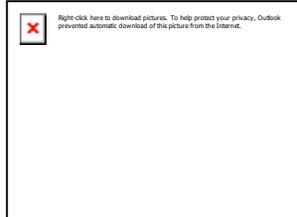

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Statement from Robin Bronk, CEO of The Creative Coalition, on passage of the FY 2017 House Interior Appropriations bill by the U.S. House of Representatives Interior Appropriations Subcommittee:

"Thank you to Chairman Ken Calvert and members of the House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee for increasing funding for the National Endowment for the Arts by nearly \$2 million. During The Creative Coalition's annual Arts Day, our members provided compelling data proving that funding for the arts is a sound national investment, improves school achievement, and fosters the necessary creativity and innovation needed to ensure the U.S. is competitive in the global marketplace."

"While, we know that this is only the first step in what is a long progress, it is encouraging that Congress continues to recognize the important role of the arts in our nation by providing an increase in funding for the National Endowment for the Arts for the second year in a row."

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