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Subject: Thank you for supporting the arts in South Carolina

Lieutenant Governor Bryant,

I'm writing to thank you for supporting the arts in South Carolina.

My husband and I are both recipients of a grant that is funded in part by Chapman Cultural Center, its donors, the County and City of Spartanburg and the South Carolina Arts Commission which receives support from the National Endowment for the Arts and the John and Susan Bennett Memorial Arts Fund of the Coastal Community Foundation of SC.

As working artists and innovators in the Spartanburg community, we are grateful for the support that enables us to bring cutting-edge programs to our schools and partners. In particular, the grant we both received helped us to support two primary documentary film projects. First, I received a \$1,500 grant toward a film project I am directing for the CONNECT Spartanburg initiative -- led from the Mary Black Foundation, this program is funded through Office of Adolescent Health. Our film educates teens about the fabulous pregnancy prevention and resiliency services in our community. Through this high quality arts project, we are able to engage more vulnerable youth into the CONNECT program.

My husband, Tim received a \$1,500 grant to continue working on a documentary film covering the important and rich history of Spartanburg's Anderson Mill.

Having relocated from New York City as award-winning producers and artists, we have found the work we have been able to do in Spartanburg exceedingly rewarding. We are so grateful to have received the 2018 Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award from the City of Spartanburg, the 2017 InnoVISION award from South Carolina Research Authority (SCRA) and the 2017 Women of Distinction award alongside Rep. Rita Allison.

It is an honor to serve our community and we thank you, again, for supporting the arts and assisting us in reaching our goals.

Sincerely,

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