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The Honorable (*insert full name of Representative*)
(*Room #*) (*Name*) House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

RE: H.R. 1120: Artists' Contribution to American Heritage Act of 2005

Dear Representative (*last name*):

I am writing to you today to request your support for H.R. 1120: Artists' Contribution to American Heritage Act of 2005. This bill, introduced on March 3, 2005, will amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 "to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor."

In the second paragraph, identify yourself as an artist. Include any credentials or significant affiliations you have. Describe your personal experience with artwork donations, and how these proposed changes will affect you. Use specific examples or evidence to support your position. You can describe the time-consuming process of creating a piece of art, and how you are only permitted to deduct the cost of materials used when donating the piece to a charitable cause. Be sincere.

As an artist, I urge you to support this bill. There are no lobby groups declaring how unfair the current situation is, and how it must be changed. This law will encourage artists to donate their work to museums and other art non-profit organizations, which in turn can increase revenue streams for these same non-profits. I request that you to add your name to the list of sponsors for this bill, and take whatever action is necessary to pass it into law.

Thank you for your support in this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information.

Yours truly,

Your name
Address
City, State ZIP

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