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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 764: Arts Incubator Workgroup

Chairman Beidle and esteemed members of the Finance Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 764, which aims to establish the Arts Incubator Workgroup to study how arts and cultural institutions can support local artists.

It requires the Workgroup to submit a preliminary report by October 1, 2024 and a final report on its recommendations, including any necessary budget, facility, or in-kind services that are needed to support local artists to the Governor and General Assembly by October 1, 2025.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter, and I urge you to support the passage of Senate Bill 764.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Antonio L. Hayes".

Senator Antonio L. Hayes
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