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Senate Finance Committee Miller Senate Office Building, 3 East Wing 11 Bladen St. Annapolis, MD 21401 - 1991

RE: SB0256

Dear Senate Finance Committee:

Elkton's Arts & Entertainment District wishes to declare our support for SB0256. The approval of this bill will insure our artists have better clarification of their eligibility for the available tax incentives. We will promote these incentives in order to attract new businesses thus increasing tourism and the further growth of our arts activities.

Nestled in the upper corner of the Chesapeake Bay, Elkton's Arts & Entertainment District features artistic treasures great and small. Consisting of unique galleries, working studios, whimsical public art, live performances and delicious eateries, the district is a feast for the eyes and the senses. Our district provides the community a wealth of experiences to be entertained, educated and creatively inspired. Live entertainment can be found at our free concert/Music on Main events. Arts education can be sought through Cecil College Elkton Station Performing Arts and/or Fine Arts programs. Creativity can be inspired through workshops provided by the Cecil County Arts Council, our local pottery studio Art Space on Main or by attending the gallery openings held the first Friday of each month.

Our relationship with the Maryland State Arts Council has been a huge asset for our districts ability to market ourselves to the greater community and grow as a creative focal point for the arts in our county. Steven Skerritt-Davis has been a valuable partner and resource in assisting us as we move our district forward.

Sincerely:

Jessica Price Executive Director