

**Petition**

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario

WHEREAS arts and artists enhance community health and well-being by promoting social inclusion, improving mental health, and supporting underrepresented communities through advocacy, visibility, and intercultural dialogue;



Aislinn Clancy, MPP  
Kitchener Centre

WHEREAS arts and culture products represent \$27 billion or 3.4% of Ontario's gross domestic product (GDP) and 254,985 jobs;

WHEREAS artists from underrepresented and equity-deserving groups face numerous barriers in accessing funding, and public funding is integral to their success;

AND WHEREAS consistent, reliable, and long-term funding empowers organizations and artists to better strategize and plan for their future endeavors;

Therefore, we, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to meaningfully increase Ontario Arts Council's granting budget to ensure a more equitable distribution of resources while maintaining existing funding commitments;

AND meaningfully consult with diverse and historically underfunded communities to ensure equitable regional funding provincewide and nationwide is balanced with increased funding accessibility for artists and arts organizations from underrepresented and equity-deserving backgrounds.

Name	Address	Signature

Please return (do not fax) the original signed petitions (no copies) to: Aislinn Clancy MPP, Constituency Office, 305 King St. W, Suite 605, Kitchener, Ontario, N2G 1B9