



To: Arts Action Fund Members
From: Americans for the Arts Action Fund
Date: 12 February 2016
Re: Jim Gilmore and the Arts*

*Note: Jim Gilmore suspended his Presidential campaign on 2/12/2016.



Name: Jim Gilmore
Party: Republican
Born: 6 October 1949, Richmond, Virginia
Previous Public Offices Held: Governor of Virginia 1998-2002; Chairperson of the Republican National Committee 2001; Attorney General of Virginia 1994-1997
Other Jobs Held: U.S. Army Counterintelligence Agent, Attorney
Educational Background: B.A. and J.D., University of Virginia



2016 Presidential Campaign Information:

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Positions on the Arts

Personal Arts Background

- Gilmore played the clarinet in high school. "He was the student band director, drum major, concert band president, and went on to make the All-County, All-Regional and All-Student USA bands." (Source: [NPR](#))
- "All I did in high school was play music," - Gilmore on playing the clarinet in band during high school. (Source: [Washington Post](#))

Policy Views on the Arts and Education

- Gilmore is against Common Core Education Standards. "I'm against Common Core and I feel very strongly about it. And the reason is that I had the experience with this. I know what this is really about. Education is absolutely a local function." (Source: [Forbes](#))
- "Education is very key, which is why I emphasized it when I ran for governor and I was governor. I said we would add 4,000 new teachers in the schools and we did." (Source: [Forbes](#))
- The state of Virginia has curriculum standards on arts education including: Dance Arts, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts. (Source: [Virginia Department of Education](#))

Examples of Actions on the Arts

- Presented the Virginia Governor's Arts Awards in 2000. (Source: [virginia.gov](#))
- During Gilmore's term, appropriations for the Virginia Commission for the Arts climbed steadily and reached \$.69 per capita by 2002. (Source: [Virginians for the Arts](#))

Arts and the Economy in Virginia

- Virginia has more than 500 non-profit art organizations. (Source: [Virginians for the Arts](#))
- The organizations provide \$849 million in economic impact, as well as an additional \$342 million in out of state visitor spending. (Source: [Virginians for the Arts](#))
- Organizations provided \$447 million in personal income for Virginia residents, including \$300 million in wages for 19,000 employees. (Source: [Virginians for the Arts](#))

Americans for the Arts' Facts & Figures for Virginia

- Creative Industries: In 2015, there are 68,554 people employed by 17,381 arts-related businesses. This accounts for 3.7% of the total number of Maryland businesses, and 1.6% of Maryland's workforce (Source: [Americans for the Arts](#))
- Economic Impact: In the Greater Charlottesville Area alone **non profit** arts organizations and their audiences spent \$114 million in Fiscal Year 2010 and contributed over \$9 million of revenue to state and local governments (Source: [Americans for the Arts](#))
- In FY 2016, the Virginia Commission on the Arts will receive \$3.4 million in legislative appropriations. (Source: [Americans for the Arts](#))

Sample Advocacy Questions on the Arts

- During your term as Governor, legislative appropriations for the Virginia state arts agency climbed steadily. As President, would you support increased public funding for the National Endowment of the Arts?
- When you were in high school and college you were an accomplished clarinet player. How do you think your musical background helped you in your career through the years?
- As President, would you support increased funding for arts education in public schools?