



**To:** Arts Action Fund Members  
**From:** Americans for the Arts Action Fund  
**Date:** 21 December 2015  
**Re:** Lindsey Graham and the Arts

**\*Note:** Lindsey Graham suspended his campaign for the Republican nomination on 12/21/2015.

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**Name:** Lindsey Graham  
**Party:** Republican  
**Born:** 9 July 1955, Central, South Carolina  
**Previous Public Offices Held:** U.S. Senator for South Carolina, 2003-present; Member of the U.S. House, District 3, 1995-2003; Member of the South Carolina House, District 2, 1993-1995  
**Other Jobs Held:** Lawyer; Colonel, U.S. Air Force  
**Educational Background:** University of South Carolina (B.A. and J.D.)

#### 2016 Presidential Campaign Information:



**Declaration Location:** Central, South Carolina, June 1, 2015  
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## **Positions on the Arts**

### **Personal Arts Background**

- "In the interview Graham said a favorite escape of his from the Washington beltway hustle and bustle is going to the movie theater, "*Cause you're sittin' in the dark and nobody's botherin' ya,*" he explained" (Source: [ABC](#))
- Graham is a fan of classic movies, his all-time favorite being *Casablanca*. Also, he enjoys music from the 60s and 70s, especially Motown. (Source: [ABC](#))

### **Policy Views on the Arts and Education**

- Graham opposes Common Core Education Standards and believes state and local governments alone should set education policy. (Source: [PBS](#))

### **Congressional Arts Voting Record**

- Sponsored or Co-Sponsored the following arts-related resolutions: Monuments Men Recognition Act of 2013, Star Spangled Banner Commemorative Coin Act, National Museum of African American History and Culture Act, Museum and Library Services Act of 2003, Museum and Library Services Act of 2002, Veterans Oral History Project Act, Privatization of Art Act, Congressional gold medal to Ruth and Billy Graham, Bill Emerson English Language Empowerment Act of 1996. (Source: [congress.gov](#))
- Received an F on the Americans for the Arts Action Fund Congressional Report Cards in 2014, 2012, and 2010. (Source: [Americans for the Arts Action Fund](#))
- In 2009 Graham voted for three amendments introduced by Sen. Tom Coburn (R-OK) that would have removed funding for the arts from several provisions within the post-recession stimulus package (Source: [Americans for the Arts Action Fund](#))
- In 2013 and 2014 Graham did not sign a series of pro-arts Dear Colleague letters that requested increased funding for the NEA and NEH, robust support for the Office of Museum Services, and the protection of the charitable tax deduction, respectively (Source: [Americans for the Arts Action Fund](#))
- In 2004 Graham voted against S. 287 which would have ensured a deduction of fair market value for artists' gifts (Source: [Americans for the Arts Action Fund](#))
- Graham is not a member of the Senate Cultural Caucus. (Source: [Americans for the Arts](#))

### **Arts and the Economy in South Carolina**

- The arts industry in South Carolina has a \$9.2 billion economic impact. (Source: [South Carolina Arts Commission](#))
- The arts industry supports 78,000 jobs. (Source: [South Carolina Arts Commission](#))
- The arts industry makes up 3% of the economy. (Source: [South Carolina Arts Commission](#))

## **Americans for the Arts Facts & Figures for South Carolina**

- Creative Industries: There are 28,854 people employed by 6,993 arts-related businesses. This represents 3.0% of all businesses and 1.4% of all employees in South Carolina. (Source: [Americans for the Arts](#))
- Economic Impact: In the Greater Columbia area alone, non profit arts organizations and their audiences spent \$35 million in Fiscal Year 2010 and contributed \$3 million of revenue to state and local governments (Source: [Americans for the Arts](#))
- In Fiscal Year 2016 the South Carolina Arts Commission received \$4,189,648 in legislative appropriations (Source: [Americans for the Arts](#))

## **Sample Advocacy Questions on the Arts**

- The arts industry has a \$9.2 billion impact on the economy in South Carolina. Would you support tax incentives for arts-related businesses so they can continue to generate jobs and tax revenue?
- During your time in Congress you haven't been a supporter of arts funding. Now that there is so much research to show the tremendous impact of the arts on our economy, as President, would you consider economic policies that invest in the arts?
- What is your position on encouraging more schools to provide robust arts education in music, visual arts, dance and theater?