

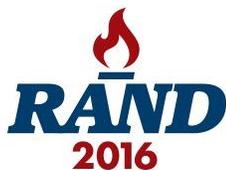


To: Arts Action Fund Members
From: Americans for the Arts Action Fund
Date: 3 February 2016
Re: Rand Paul and the Arts

***Note: Rand Paul suspended his Presidential campaign on 2/3/2016.**



Name: Rand Paul
Party: Republican
Born: 7 January 1963, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Previous Public Offices Held: U.S. Senator from Kentucky 2011-present
Other Jobs Held: Ophthalmologist
Educational Background: Baylor University (dropped out); M.D., Duke University School of Medicine



2016 Presidential Campaign Information:

Declaration Location: Galt House, Louisville, Kentucky; April 7, 2015
Campaign Website: <https://www.randpaul.com/>
Campaign Email: contact@randpaul2016.com
Headquarters Address: Unlisted

Headquarters Phone: 202-735-5323
Campaign Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RandPaul>
Campaign Twitter: [@RandPaul](https://twitter.com/RandPaul) 795,000 Followers

Positions on the Arts

Personal Arts Background

- At the 2015 South by Southwest (SXSW) music Paul discussed tech-related issues including innovation and privacy. (Source: [Texas Tribune](#))
- Additionally, Paul attended an SXSW party where DJ Mark Roson performed. (Source: [Breitbart](#))
- He featured country singer John Rich's music video "*Shuttin' Detroit Down*", in his campaign announcement. (Source: [Bloomberg](#))

Policy Views on the Arts and Education

- In 2011 Paul unveiled a budget plan that called for eliminating the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. (Source: [Bloomberg](#))
- On July 6, 2015, Senator Paul spotlighted a \$25,000 grant from the NEA in his ongoing "Waste Report" which is characterized on his Senate webpage as "an ongoing project to catalog egregious examples of wasteful spending throughout the U.S. government". (Source: paul.senate.gov)
- Paul supports eliminating the U.S. Department of Education, saying, "*I don't think you'd notice if the whole department was gone tomorrow,*" (Source: [ThinkProgress](#))
- Paul opposes Common Core Standards and said in an interview "*I don't think there's really a constitutional role for the federal government in education.*" (Source: [Business Insider](#))
- In June 2015 Paul released details of a tax plan which would maintain the charitable tax deduction that is critical for non-profit arts organizations (Source: [The Washington Examiner](#))

Congressional Arts Voting Record

- Paul is not a member of the Senate Cultural Caucus (Source: [Americans for the Arts](#))
- Paul did not receive a Thumbs Up on the 2014 Congressional Arts Report Card (Source: [Americans for the Arts Action Fund](#))
- Paul did not co-sign a number of "Dear Colleague" letters in 2013-14 that requested higher levels of funding for the NEA and NEH, "robust" funding for the Office of Museum Services, and a protection of the charitable tax deduction, respectively (Source: [Americans for the Arts Action Fund](#))
- Paul received a F grade on the 2012 Congressional Arts Report Card (Source: [Americans for the Arts Action Fund](#))

Arts and the Economy in Kentucky

- "*According to the [Kentucky Creative Industry Report], the creative industry – which includes all individuals and companies whose products and services originate in artistic, cultural, creative, authentic and/or aesthetic content – accounts for 2.5 percent of overall Kentucky employment or 108,498 jobs. The industry as a whole generates \$1.9 billion in earnings in Kentucky. The average wage of a creative worker in Kentucky is \$34,299, although salary and wages fluctuate greatly.*" (Source: kentucky.gov)
- Kentucky has education standards for the arts and humanities. (Source: [Kentucky Department of Education](#))

Americans for the Arts Facts & Figures for Kentucky:

- Creative Industries: There are 24,242 people employed by 6,338 Arts-Related businesses. This represents 2.7% of all businesses and 1.2% of all employees in Kentucky (Source: [Americans for the Arts](#))
- Economic Impact: In Lexington-Fayette Urban County alone, non profit arts organizations and their audiences spent \$18 million was in Fiscal Year 2010 and contributed over \$1 million of revenue to state and local governments (Source: [Americans for the Arts](#))
- In Fiscal Year 2016 the Kentucky Arts Council received \$2,767,300 in legislative appropriations (Source: [Americans for the Arts](#))

Advocacy Questions on the Arts

- Senator Paul, you have suggested the federal government does not have a role to play in public education, and have even advocated abolishing the Department of Education. However, we know that children who receive arts education consistently score higher on standardized tests. Do you believe, then, that arts education should be implemented at the state and local level?
- Walter Reed Hospital is doing groundbreaking work in incorporating the arts into patient care for wounded veterans. As a surgeon, have you also seen first hand the healing power of the arts in patient care and speed of recovery?
- Senator, you have advocated for abolishing the National Endowment for the Arts. After learning that the arts have an \$18 million impact in Lexington-Fayette Urban County alone, do you believe the public sector should have a role in supporting American cultural life?