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The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Position: **SUPPORT**

Location: Assembly Floor (Concurrence)

Re: AB 2862 (O'Donnell) Pupil instruction: visual and performing arts: revision of content standards (As Amended 8/19/16)

Dear Assemblymember O'Donnell:

On behalf of the California Alliance for Arts Education, I am writing to express our support for AB 2862 (O'Donnell), legislation which would require California to update and revise Visual and Performing Arts Standards for students in grades Pre-K through 12.

This legislation is sponsored by the teaching organizations representing music and visual arts, and supported by a broad spectrum of organizations and individuals whose interest in arts education is represented by the California Alliance for Arts Education.

The California Alliance for Arts Education is in its fourth decade of working to build a brighter future for our state by making the arts a core part of every child's quality education. A statewide leader and convener, the Alliance galvanizes California's abundance of arts and culture experts to advocate for quality visual and performing arts instruction for all students. By collaborating effectively with the state's leading education and parent engagement agencies and providing an anchor for policy expertise at the state and local levels, the Alliance is the leader in promoting the arts in schools and enriching the lives of children, families and communities.

Please contact our legislative advocate, Kathryn Lynch, at (916) 443-0202 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Landon", written over a light gray rectangular background.

Joe Landon
Executive Director

cc: Ms. Cathy McBride, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Governor's Office
Speaker's Office of Research and Floor Analysis
Ms. Tanya Lieberman, Consultant, Assembly Education Committee
Mr. Bob Becker, Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus
Ms. Kathryn Lynch, Legislative Advocate
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