

MMEA Statement on Governor Moore's FY 2026 Budget Proposal

The Maryland Music Educators Association (MMEA) has become aware of Governor Moore's FY26 Budget proposal and the adverse effects that the proposed changes embedded in that proposal would have on the arts and arts education communities in Maryland, a state that is nationally known for exceptional support of the arts industry and education programs.

Embedded in this proposal is the proposed elimination of the 1994 Arts Stabilization Act (ASA). This legislation established a formula for supporting and sustaining the arts in Maryland, which is the only existing state law anywhere that mandates funding for the arts. The arts are also a significant economic driver in Maryland, with a total annual economic impact of over \$13 billion to the state economy, and supports more than 80,000 jobs.

MMEA strongly opposes the elimination of this funding, which has direct benefits to our organization, but also Arts Education funding across Maryland. MMEA has signed a letter, along with hundreds of arts organizations across Maryland and led by the Maryland Citizens for the Arts. You can read the text of the letter by [CLICKING THIS LINK](#). This letter, addressed to Governor Wes Moore, Senate President Bill Ferguson, House Speaker Adrienne Jones, and members of the Budget and Taxation and House Appropriations Committees, voices the clear opposition of the arts community to this proposed budget.

We need your voice and assistance! To get involved and voice your opposition, please contact your own legislators directly.

- [CLICK HERE](#) to find contact information for your legislators.
- [CLICK HERE](#) for a Sample Letter or Email to send to your legislators.

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for the music educators of Maryland.*

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encompassing a broad range of cultural and musical experiences and the right of every student
to experience the power of music.*