

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

Timothy M. Kaine Governor

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Patrice Walker Powell, Acting Chairman National Endowment for the Arts 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20506-0001

Dear Chairman Powell:

This letter is written to fulfill my obligation under Section 1607 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("the Act"), which provides the following:

SEC. 1607. (a) CERTIFICATION BY GOVERNOR.—Not later than 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act, for funds provided to any State or agency thereof, the Governor of the State shall certify that: (1) the State will request and use funds provided by this Act; and (2) the funds will be used to create jobs and promote economic growth.

I hereby certify that the Commonwealth of Virginia will request and use funds provided by this Act; and that the funds will be used to create jobs and promote economic growth.

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Kaine

Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia