
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WILLIAMS, WHEATLEY, KENYATTA AND STRUZZI, OCTOBER 6, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, OCTOBER 6, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to provide funding and
2 financial support to live performance venues and arts-related
3 nonprofit organizations especially distressed by the effects
4 of the COVID-19 pandemic.

5 WHEREAS, Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic affecting the
6 United States, live performance venues and arts-related
7 nonprofit organizations face unprecedented financial challenges,
8 uncertainty and prolonged closure; and

9 WHEREAS, Live performance venues, especially small
10 independently owned venues, were the first to close due to the
11 pandemic and are expected to be the last to reopen as they
12 require the gathering of large numbers of people; and

13 WHEREAS, Cancellation of events and the uncertain future of
14 the live performance industry has a broader impact not only on
15 the venue itself, but also on the surrounding community
16 negatively impacted by income lost due to the absence of event
17 attendees; and

1 WHEREAS, Live performance venues and arts-related nonprofit
2 organizations have been touted as the industries most affected
3 by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

4 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is home to 340 live performance
5 venues and 15 arts-related nonprofit organizations; and

6 WHEREAS, Arts and live performance venues are forced to shut
7 for the health and safety of the public; and

8 WHEREAS, We must support arts and live performance venues to
9 ensure that they will still be around postpandemic for the
10 education and entertainment of all; and

11 WHEREAS, Federal assistance and support to these entities is
12 needed, including Senator Cornyn's Senate Bill 4258,
13 establishing the Save Our Stage or SOS Act; and

14 WHEREAS, We acknowledge that performance venues and arts-
15 related nonprofit organizations are an important factor in the
16 education and entertainment of the residents of this
17 Commonwealth, and having been extraordinarily impacted by the
18 COVID-19 pandemic they are deserving of financial aid and
19 support during these extraordinary times; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
21 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
22 States to provide funding and financial support to live
23 performance venues and arts-related nonprofit organizations
24 especially distressed by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.