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John E. Ostrout
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Re: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Section 1607 Certification

Dear Mr. Ostrout:

Section 1607 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) requires a certification by the governor of each state that will seek and use funds under the Act. We have received additional guidance from the Office of Management and Budget that a specific certification also must be made for stimulus funds requested from individual agencies that are administering the Recovery Act. In accordance with Section 1607 and in response to the OMB guidance, in my role as Governor of the state of Washington, I make the following certification.

1. The state of Washington, through the Washington State Arts Commission, will request and use funds provided by the Recovery Act to the National Endowment for the Arts under Title VII of the ARRA. These funds shall be expended in accordance with the guidelines of the National Endowment for the Arts; and
2. The funds provided by the Recovery Act will be used to create jobs in the nonprofit arts sector and will promote economic growth in the state of Washington.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Bruce Botka at 360-902-0586 or by e-mail at bruce.botka@gov.wa.gov.

Sincerely,
/s/
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