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**Subject:** Thanks for supporting the NEA!

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## AFM Legislative Alert

Dear Orlando Rainey,

Last night, the House of Representatives voted to increase funding for the National Endowment for the Arts by \$5 million in the 2007 budget. Congress approved the bipartisan amendment that will increase the NEA's budget to \$129.4 million. Later in the debate, an effort to cut the NEA's funding by \$30 million was soundly defeated.

Our grass-roots campaign generated nearly 1,000 letters to Representatives, ensuring that the voices of the American Federation of Musicians were heard. Your active support was crucial in the process of passing the amendment. We thank you sincerely for your critical role in passing this important amendment.

Sincerely,

Hal Ponder

Director of Government Relations

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