



To: Arts Action Fund Members
From: Americans for the Arts Action Fund
Date: 1 November 2016
Re: Tim Kaine and the Arts

Name: Tim Kaine

Party: Democrat

Born: 26 February 1958, Saint Paul, Minnesota

Previous Public Offices Held: U.S.Senator from Virginia 2013-present; Governor of Virginia 2006-2010; Lieutenant Governor of Virginia 2002-2006; Mayor of Richmond 1998-2001; Member of the Richmond City Council from the 2nd District 1994-2001.

Other Jobs Held: Lawyer, Professor of Law

Educational Background: B.A., University of Missouri; J.D., Harvard Law School



2016 Presidential Campaign Information:

Declaration Location: The Clinton campaign announced the choice of Kaine as VP on Twitter on 22 July 2016. Clinton and Kaine appeared at a joint rally the following day in Miami, Florida.

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Tim Kaine's Twitter: [@TimKaine](https://twitter.com/TimKaine) 382,000 followers



Positions on the Arts

Personal Arts Background

- Kaine has played the harmonica for over 20 years, and carries six of the instruments with him while he travels. He has played it at various venues on the campaign trail. (Source: [U.S. News & World Report](#))
- Kaine's wife Anne Holton was Virginia's Secretary of Education from 2014-2016. (Source: [The Washington Post](#))
- Kaine sings in his church choir in Richmond. (Source: [ABC News](#))
- Kaine's daughter attended an arts magnet high school in Richmond and his son is "a budding filmmaker." (Source: [Americans for the Arts Action Fund PAC Candidate Survey](#))

Notable Quotes

- *"Our state takes great pride in showcasing our history, natural beauty and culture to millions of visitors each year, who in turn provide a great benefit to Virginia's economy."* (Source: [Office of the Governor Press Release](#))
- *"Virginia's film industry has again made our Commonwealth proud,"* Governor Kaine said. *"The filming of [the HBO mini-series] John Adams generated \$80 million in revenue for Virginia and is a prime example of why the film industry is vital to our economy."* (Source: [Virginia Tourism Corporation](#))
- Believes that the arts a part of a well-rounded K-12 education. *"I think this education policy is a better policy than the one we had in the past, the one it replaced because it is a recognition that core curriculum is not simply those four subjects but arts education needs to be an important part of a well-rounded educational experience."* (Source: [The Breeze](#))

Policy Views on the Arts and Education

- Supports arts education being taught in the classroom. *"While [the Richmond Public School System] is an urban system with fiscal challenges, it has resisted pressure to devalue arts education. These experiences enhanced my children's creativity, confidence, communication skills and teamwork — all greatly in demand in the adult world."* (Source: [Richmond Times-Dispatch](#))
- As Governor of Virginia, Kaine supported adopting the Common Core educational standards. (Source: [Virginia Dept. of Education](#))
- Kaine supports a significant funding increase for the National Endowment for the Arts: *"Arts and cultural initiatives are as essential part of our society. That's why I support federal funding for the National Endowment for the Arts. In tough economic times, many beneficial programs like the NEA have seen cutbacks. While I do believe we have to make cuts in order to balance our budget, I would not single out the NEA for deeper cuts than are required of*

other government-funded programs. I provided governmental support for numerous arts initiative as Mayor and Governor (museums, theaters, public sculpture, arts festivals, public broadcasting, music tourism projects) and will always look for ways to enhance our nation's cultural offerings.” (Source: [Americans for the Arts Action Fund PAC Candidate Survey](#))

Examples of Actions Taken on the Arts

- Kaine provided a video introduction for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Created Equal Project. (Source: [PBS](#))
- As Governor of Virginia, Kaine signed into law an appropriations bill that increased state funding for the arts from \$.41 per capita to \$.80 per capita. (Source: [Virginians for the Arts](#))
- As part of Virginia's 2009 statewide budget cuts, Kaine approved a reduction of state funding for the Virginia Commission for the Arts by 15 percent. (Source: [c-ville.com](#))
- Celebrated the Governor's Arts Awards in 2008 for the first time since 2000. (Source: [Virginia Commission for the Arts](#))
- While serving as Governor, Virginia moved from #34 to #31 among states and territories in per capita rankings of public funding for state arts agencies. (Source: [Virginians for the Arts](#))

Congressional Arts Voting Record

- As a U.S. Senator from Virginia, Kaine received a “Thumbs Up” designation in the 2016 and 2014 Congressional Arts Report Cards. (Source: [Americans for the Arts Action Fund PAC](#))
- Co-signed a “Dear Colleague” letter to the Senate Appropriations Committee asking Congress to support the President's funding request of \$149.8 million for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). (Source: [Americans for the Arts](#))
- Co-signed a “Dear Colleague” letter to the Senate Appropriations Committee urging Congress to support “robust” funding for the Office of Museum Services. (Source: [Americans for the Arts Action Fund PAC](#))
- Voted to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, now called the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which contains a number of pro-arts education provisions. (Source: [Americans for the Arts Action Fund PAC](#))

Arts and the Economy in Virginia

- Virginia has more than 500 non-profit art organizations. (Source: [Virginians for the Arts](#))
- The organizations provide \$849 million in economic impact, as well as an additional \$342 million in out of state visitor spending. (Source: [Virginians for the Arts](#))
- Organizations provided \$447 million in personal income for Virginia residents, including \$300 million in wages for 19,000 employees. (Source: [Virginians for the Arts](#))

Americans for the Arts Facts & Figures for Virginia:

- Creative Industries: There are 68,554 people employed by 17,381 Arts-Related Businesses. This represents 3.7% of all businesses and 1.6% of all employees in Virginia. (Source: [Americans for the Arts](#))
- Economic Impact: In the Greater Charlottesville area alone, nonprofit arts organizations and their audiences generated \$114 million in Fiscal Year 2010 and contributed over \$8 million of revenue to state and local governments. (Source: [Americans for the Arts](#))
- In Fiscal Year 2016 the Virginia Commission on the Arts received \$3,462,374 in legislative appropriations. (Source: [Americans for the Arts](#))