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Dear National Endowment for the Arts "Our Town" Review Committee:

The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association (ELNA) is writing this letter to show our support for the Lawrence Arts Center's "Our Town" grant project "Free State Festival: Film, Music, Art, and Ideas from Around the World."

Over the past two years the people of our neighborhood have had the opportunity to attend and participate in the Free State Festival activities. We have sat in the audience during the films, taken our children to the music performances and even seen some of our most beloved buildings come alive as an art piece. As a result, the festival has become an important part of our community. The festival has proven to provide income and a creative outlet to many of the artists, craftsmen and women, musicians, business owners and promoters that live in our neighborhood.

The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association is proud to support the Free State Festival.

Sincerely,

Aaron Paden

President

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