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ALABAMA STATE SENATE

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AND MORE!

Here's a plan for restoring funding lost to these arts groups:

For many years, Jefferson County has levied an Occupational Tax on those who work in the County. A loophole in the tax exempts certain professionals from the tax if they pay a licensing fee to the State. ***Everybody else pays the tax.***

- All State-licensed attorneys, physicians, accountants, architects, and other state-licensed professionals are **100% EXEMPT FROM THE TAX.**
- ***Everyone else who works in Jefferson County PAYS 100% OF THE TAX.***
- Earlier this year, a Circuit Judge ruled Jefferson County's Occupational Tax ILLEGAL.
- The Legislature is now obligated to fix this problem by rewriting the Occupational Tax, or the County will lose \$75 million a year. That huge loss could effectively shut down County operations and services.
- From 2003-2007, the Jefferson County Commission appropriated \$5 million each year to the Jefferson County Community Arts Fund, administered by Cultural Alliance. Cultural Alliance is an independent, transparent and audited organization. It incorporates national best-practices to ensure that qualified and approved ARTS, CULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND SCIENCE groups are funded and the money is used properly.
- In September 2007, THE COUNTY COMMISSION SUSPENDED FUNDING TO THESE GROUPS despite loud community protests. The suspension of funding created DRAMATIC FINANCIAL SHORTFALLS for dozens of these groups.

Public FACES proposes that:

- the Legislature rewrite the Occupational Tax and include professionals as subject to the tax
- 10% of all Occupational Tax revenues collected be allocated to the Jefferson County Community Arts Fund to be administered by the Cultural Alliance.
- including professionals will generate approximately \$10 million annually in NEW tax revenues.
- the wide array of local arts, cultural, environment and science-based organizations that make our community vibrant need sustainable and permanent funding so they can budget and plan with clarity and certainty.
- adding a once-exempt class of taxpayers and directing those revenues to the cultural sector is a necessary action with tremendous public benefit.



We must maintain the over-\$125 million economic impact that arts and culture bring to Jefferson County