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Dear Senator Cwodzinski and Ms. Anderson,

Thank you for presenting SF 1793 at the Minnesota Youth Council Committee on April 21, 2017. Your presentation of the Minnesota Civic Education Coalition grants appropriation was greatly appreciated. The Committee voted on SF 1793 and passed it unanimously with 24 votes in favor.

As a Committee whose purpose is to promote youth voice in government, we find it prudent that students be engaged in civic education for it is their right as citizens. Some of the students on the Committee have participated in the programs this bill helps to support. The MYCC believes it is important that we continue to support these programs that work to engage young people in government and politics. We all benefit when more citizens are involved. We also appreciate that the programs that this bill supports are spread throughout the state, as geographic equity is of great importance to the Committee.

We are curious if you would be willing to present the Committee with more information on the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, as many members are not familiar with the fund. Because this is the fund the appropriation comes from, we are concerned about how it will affect programs that are also funded by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Again, thank you for sharing this bill with the Minnesota Youth Council Committee and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Minnesota Youth Council Committee



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