



**Independent
Media Arts Alliance**
**Alliance des arts
médiatiques indépendants**

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The Honourable Josée Verner
Minister of Canadian Heritage, Status of Women and Official Languages
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Mme Verner:

I am writing on behalf of the Independent Media Arts Alliance, a Canada-wide association representing over 12,000 artists working in independent film, video, audio and new media, to express our disappointment that the federal budget offers so little new investment in the arts.

Do you, as the Minister of Canadian Heritage, plan to set in process the development of a federal cultural policy, involving representatives of the arts community across Canada, with the aim of guiding the government in determining how to support the arts in Canada?

Thank you, and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely yours,

Jennifer Dorner
National Director