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Betreft Netherlands government support for the arts

Dear Madam,


Thank you for your letter in support of the media arts sector in the Netherlands.

Your letter testifies that the work of the Dutch Media Arts institutions is highly regarded by the international professional community.

As you may know, the Netherlands government is faced with a large budget deficit in the wake of the recent financial crisis. This deficit calls for a substantial reduction in government spending in the coming years, also in the field of the government support for the arts. The required budget cuts force me to make difficult decisions that will inevitably effect a number of artists and cultural organizations in the Netherlands.

The Netherlands' Parliament has approved my proposals for the necessary budget reductions. I respect your arguments in support of the Dutch Media Arts institutions, but I see no possibility in revising my proposals with regard to the future government budget for the arts.

Yours Sincerely, on behalf of State secretary Halbe Zijlstra,



Drs. Monique Vogelzang
Head of the Arts Department