Thank you for participating in our celebration of Massachusetts museums!

The New England Museum Association and the community of museum professionals we represent would like to express our appreciation for the state’s support of museum-related initiatives.

- The increase to the Massachusetts Cultural Council budget ($14.16 million for FY16) is a good step, but MCC funding is still below its pre-recession level, causing many worthy museum programs such as subsidized field trips, accessibility adaptations, and community engagement projects to go under- or un-funded. Please support a further increase to the MCC budget for FY17 to return it to historic levels.

- Many of Massachusetts’ museums are historic structures, and need the funding provided by the Cultural Facilities Fund (MCC) and the Preservation Projects Fund (MA Historical Commission) to improve public safety and preserve and protect the buildings themselves and the collections they house. Please support continued funding for these projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences that expand access and education; create jobs in construction and tourism; and improve the quality of life across the Commonwealth.

- Massachusetts has one of the highest concentrations of museums in the country (650 and counting!). You probably have more than one museum in your constituency. Have you paid them a visit? We encourage you to get to know the museums, historical societies, and other cultural gems in your neighborhood. Let us show you why Massachusetts museums have an impact!

By the Numbers

MUSEUM IMPACTS

The museums, zoos, aquariums, historical societies, and parks of Massachusetts make a difference every day.

1 $1.23 BILLION
In economic impact across the state, through direct and related spending.

2 11,300 JOBS
Museums employ thousands of people for everything from construction to consumer services.

3 9.4 MUSEUMS PER 100K PEOPLE
Among the highest concentrations of museums and cultural institutions in the country.

4 SERVING STUDENTS
Hundreds of thousands of school children benefit from museum programming. MCC’s Big Yellow School Bus funded 1,147 field trips that sent nearly 100,000 students on culturally enriching field trips in 2014.

5 SUPPORTING THE CREATIVE ECONOMY
Nearly 5% of Massachusetts businesses relate to the arts, including museums (higher than the national average!) These institutions make Massachusetts a more appealing place to live, work, and create.

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