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Dear Ms. Snyder,

We are writing on behalf of Imagination Stage in support of the development and implementation of *artlook Maryland*. We are very impressed with the vision for this groundbreaking, interactive online tool that collects, organizes and visually presents arts education data from Maryland school districts, arts organization, individual schools, and arts education funders.

Imagination Stage celebrates its 40th Anniversary in September; 40 years of bringing theatre education to children in our tristate area, we currently reach 100,000 children and their teachers and families each year. And, we are especially committed to serving the access and inclusion needs of children and youth who represent about 16% of the total population (and 16% of our student population). We have been serving this community for 30 years and are considered to be at the forefront nationally of programming for this community.

We have long regretted the lack of a data base that shows funders, arts organizations, and school administrators the spread (or deficit) of arts activities in our communities. The plans we have seen for *artlook Maryland* represent a tool that we all really need. As an innovative cultural institution that serves a diverse audience we applaud this tool and hope to participate in its creation and to benefit from its use.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to endorse the implementation of *artlook Maryland* and we commit to helping in any way that we can with its creation and implementation.

Sincerely,

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Founder/Executive Director

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