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Dear Rep/Sen NAME,

Congratulations on being elected to represent your district in our South Dakota Legislature. Spending time in Pierre each session, I witness the commitment of time and talent you bring to the job. It's a lot of work, and on behalf of the South Dakota arts community, I thank you. I hope your first session is going smoothly.

I am writing to introduce Arts South Dakota. We are a non-partisan and non-profit service organization, advancing the arts for South Dakotans and our visitors by connecting, advocating and educating. Arts are essential to growing strong South Dakota communities and educating well-rounded South Dakota students. The arts create jobs, help power our local economies, welcome visitors as a mainstay of tourism (think Mt. Rushmore!), and, most importantly, contribute beyond measure to our quality of life in SD. They are essential, and we need your support as leaders of South Dakota to be sure the arts thrive in our great state.

To this end, we hope that you will join us on February 12 for the Governor's Awards in the Arts. Every other year we honor individuals and businesses who have made a statewide impact through artistic excellence or outstanding support of the arts. As a state legislator, we invite you as our guest. It's a fun evening, and we hope you'll be with us.

If you have any questions about the Governor's Awards in the Arts celebration or Arts South Dakota, do not hesitate to contact me at any time. Again, I thank you for your service to South Dakota and look forward to working with you on behalf of the arts.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jim Speirs', written over a light blue line.

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