**Creative Scotland Budget Cuts**

My name is **[XXX] [and I work for XXX]**

I am asking you to use your voice in parliament to stand up for culture, and to oppose the cut to Creative Scotland’s grant-in-aid in the Scottish Government budget 2023-2024.

I am writing as **[I am/organisation-name is]** based in your **[constituency/region]**. Like many organisations and individuals working in culture and the creative industries across Scotland, **[we are/I am]** extremely concerned about the proposed cut to Creative Scotland’s grant-in-aid set out in the draft Scottish Budget , which will impact on artists and arts organisations across the country as they cope with the cost crisis and the impact of the pandemic.

I am writing to you to share with you the **[the contribution I/we make to the local community].** **INSERT DETAILS OF YOUR WORK AND ITS IMPACT**

We know that the overall culture budget is a very small proportion of Scottish Government spend so reductions here will wreak havoc but not reap significant savings. Regularly Funded Organisations (RFOs), support 5000 jobs across the culture sector in Scotland and work with around 3500 artists and freelancers every year. These are jobs that if lost will not return. The budget cuts will dramatically weaken cultural provision for audiences in communities across Scotland, and place jobs and fair work for culture sector workers at risk.

As the Budget progresses through parliament this month, please consider support for cultural workers in your **[constituency/region]** and ask the Scottish Government to reverse the cuts.

Thank you for reading my letter and for your support in this matter.
Yours sincerely

**[YOUR NAME HERE]**