

West Virginia Commission on the Arts
The Culture Center
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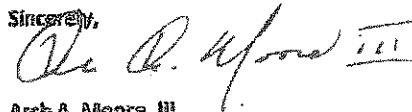
Dear Commissioners,

It is our pleasure to reach out to you in support of the Jefferson County Parks and Recreation Commission's proposal for a grant to fund Phase I of the Sam Michaels Amphitheater. The Moore family has a long history of supporting the arts in West Virginia. This project is of special interest to us as our late mother and former first lady of West Virginia, Shelley Riley Moore, was a champion of the project in the 1970's.

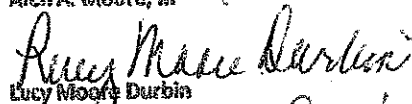
Our mother believed that the addition of an amphitheater would not only have positive effect on the arts community of the Eastern Panhandle but it would also act as a catalyst for economic growth and cultural enrichment. The grant funding would be the foundation for the amphitheater to become a reality. It will honor the cultural and historical aspects of the property while seeding a more prosperous future for Jefferson County. It is an opportunity to let the arts take center stage as an economic engine in the historic Eastern Panhandle.

We fully support Jefferson County Parks and Recreation Commission in their efforts to secure funding for this project and increase access to the arts in our community.

Sincerely,



Arch A. Moore, III



Lucy Moore Durbin



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