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The First Lady and I are honored to join all those celebrating National Young Audiences Arts for Learning Week.

The past two years have been exceptionally challenging for so many across our Nation and world. Yet even in the midst of isolation, anxiety, and loss, talented artists inspired us, brought us closer together, and helped us persevere. Creative expression provides all of us, including our young people, a sense of community when we need it most. This week is a reminder that young Americans can foster hope, acceptance, and inspiration through artistic creation.

As the husband of a lifelong educator, I have always believed that educators are the lifeblood of our country. This week and every week, we also honor the teachers across our Nation who have gone above and beyond to educate, support, and comfort America's young artists. Student by student, you are empowering our Nation's youth to imagine and express themselves in their own unique ways—carving, painting, writing, dancing, singing, performing, and most importantly, dreaming.

Thanks to organizations like Young Audiences Arts for Learning, you are helping to make sure that every kid—regardless of race, geography, ability, or socioeconomic status—has equal and unrestricted access to the arts. Your work is not only changing lives, it is also ensuring that art continues to play an essential role in our Nation's vitality, democracy, health, and economy. Above all, by bridging the gap of inequality and empowering the next generation of artists, you are helping America heal and grow. Thank you for all that you have done and for all that you will continue to do in the years ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Biden".