October 23, 2018

The Honorable Sandy Pappas

95 University Avenue West

Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 2205

Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Senator Pappas,

I am writing to express my deepest thanks to you for your support of arts funding.

The Rose Ensemble was fortunate this year to receive a substantial increase in General Operating Support from the Minnesota State Arts Board as a direct result of legislative action. For a mid-size organization such as ours, this increase has had a tremendous impact, helping us to continue our current level of programming following a financially difficult year.

The Rose Ensemble was pleased to begin our season with a free concert on September 20 in North Minneapolis, which drew nearly 200 people, despite torrential rains. Following the concert, a woman came to the CD table, accompanied by her very young son. As she was purchasing a CD, she told us that her son had asked to come to the concert after hearing The Rose Ensemble on the radio. And he stayed right to the end! This is just one of the many ways that The Rose Ensemble continues to touch lives and inspire dreams.

You will find on the enclosed season postcard the dates for our concerts in the Twin Cities. We are especially pleased to be partnering with Augsburg University for *Empire, Religion, War, Peace,* which features guest artist Dark Horse Consort in this timely remembrance of the start of Europe’s devastating 30-Year’s War. *A Tudor Christmas* will be accompanied by a community sing-along held at the Landmark Center on December 13, where the public can join with musicians of The Rose Ensemble in singing through some of the music to be performed at the concert.

Please let us know if you would like to join us at one of our concerts as our guest.

Sincerely,

Jordan Sramek

Founder/Artistic and Executive Director