

June 14, 2023

SC Representative Neal Collins PO Box 906 Easley, SC 29641

Dear Representative Neal Collins,

The City of Easley has a host of great organizations within. Two of these, Foothills Playhouse and American Legion Post 52, need assistance which is why I am writing you to request some funding go to them.

Foothills Playhouse was established in 1981 but has resided at West End Hall since 1991. The playhouse is a cherished part of our community. The organization provides live theatre that is family-friendly, well-organized, and cost-effective for everyone. Just this season alone, Easley Playhouse has been able to sell out many shows and the ones that didn't sell out were at 80% capacity. These numbers don't lie but show what an asset the non-profit business is to our community, residents, and visitors. While West End Hall is a historic building, it is an old building and with age comes facility repair needs. Foothills Playhouse has repairs and updates that need to be made to their facility and needs financial assistance to do so. \$25,000 would be a great blessing to Easley Playhouse in taking care of some of those and would be beneficial to those that come to see the great performances that take place there.

American Legion Post 52 was activated in 1945 and has been of great service to Easley. Post 52 has been very involved with the youth of the Easley community from sponsoring American Legion Junior baseball, boy scouts, Boys State, to presenting citizenships awards to high school students; they have shown that they are dedicated to building character within our fine state. Baseball has always been a big part of the youth aspect and that continues today which is why I am requesting funding



assistance of \$5,000 to help Post 52 continue to host a youth baseball program each year.

I know what a great community we have in Easley, and I know that Foothills Playhouse and American Legion Post 52 help build that engagement. Their impact is strong, and I hope that they can see the support is there for them to continue with their hard work and dedication to the cause.

I appreciate you taking time to consider these two organizations and hope that you recognize their positive involvement in our great area and see their need for monetary assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mayor Butch Womack