

DEAR PARTNER, FAMILY,  
CO-WORKERS, AND MYSELF:

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# I AM AN ARTIST

Art making is a central part of my soul, my identity, and my work.

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Though my art making does not always earn money, it is why I have the jobs and income I have now. If my art goes away, that income will eventually go away, too.

Though my employer may not pay me specifically to make my art, my job depends on my authentic, lifelong art practice.

Help me prioritize it.

My artist self is often last on my to-do list. I need those around me to understand and affirm my art making. Talk to me about my art. Say yes when I ask for time and space. Better yet, offer it before I ask.

Remind me that, while other tasks may feel more urgent, my art making is more important.

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