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## SECTION 1

# THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

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## THE FEDERAL BUDGET PROCESS

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The Federal Budget process begins the first Monday in February of each year and should be concluded by October 1, the start of the new Federal Fiscal Year. In some — make that many — years, the October 1 date is not met.

Ideally, this is how the process should work:

### 1. The President Submits a Proposed Budget to Congress

Following the procedure required by the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, the President presents a proposed budget for the coming Fiscal Year to Congress on or before the first Monday in February.

Based on the input of the Federal Agencies, the President's budget projects estimated spending, revenue, and borrowing levels broken down by functional categories for the coming fiscal year to start October 1.

The President's budget serves as a "starting point" for the Congress to consider. Congress is under no obligation to adopt all or any of the President's budget and often makes significant changes. However, since the President must ultimately approve all future bills they propose, Congress is often reluctant to completely ignore the priorities of the President's budget.

### 2. House and Senate Budget Committees Report Budget Resolution

The Congressional Budget Act requires passage of an annual "Congressional Budget Resolution," a concurrent resolution passed in identical form by both House and Senate, but not requiring the President's signature.

The Budget Resolution is an important document providing Congress an opportunity to lay out its own spending, revenue, borrowing and economic goals for the coming fiscal year, as well as the next five fiscal years. In recent years, the Budget Resolution has included suggestions for government program spending reforms leading to the goal of a balanced budget.

Both House and Senate Budget Committees hold hearings on the annual Budget Resolution. The committees seek testimony from Administration officials, Members of Congress and expert witnesses. Based on testimony and their deliberations, each committee writes or "marks-up" its respective version of the Budget Resolution.

The Budget Committees are required to present or "report" their final Budget Resolution for consideration by the full House and Senate by April 1.

### 3. Full House and Senate Consider Budget Resolution.

The full House and Senate now debate, amend, and take action on the Budget Resolution as reported to them by their respective Budget Committee. While the Budget Act sets no deadline for this phase, it does require that a final, single version of the Budget Resolution, agreed to by both House and Senate, be approved by April 15.

4. **House and Senate Work Out Difference in Conference**  
Since the versions of the Budget Resolution passed by the House and Senate will always differ, each body appoints conferees -- negotiators -- to meet and resolve the differences. The "conference committee" works to come up with a single, agreed version of the Budget Resolution that must be agreed to by at least half of the conferees from both the House and Senate.
5. **Full House and Senate Consider Conference Agreement**  
The Budget Act requires that by April 15, both the House and Senate approve by majority vote the final version of the Budget Resolution reported by the conference committee. The terms of the final, approved Budget Resolution govern the remainder of the budget process for the year.
6. **Discretionary Spending Allocations Set by Congress**  
As a vital part of the Budget Resolution, Congress must agree on "spending allocations" or limits on how much money can be spent on discretionary programs during the coming fiscal year and at least the next five (5) fiscal years.

"Discretionary" funding refers specifically to money provided each year through the allocations process. Congress exercises control over how and how much money is spent, hence the term "discretionary." Discretionary spending usually represents about 20 percent of total annual Federal spending. Funds for programs to which the government is pre-committed to paying, like interest on the national debt and long-term entitlements, are called "uncontrollables" or mandatory spending. These spending allocations establish aggregate totals of money that cannot be exceeded by the House and Senate Appropriations Committees during the upcoming annual spending process.

7. **Appropriations Committees Develop the 12 Spending Bills**  
The House and Senate Appropriations Committees now take the total aggregate spending allocations from the Budget Resolution and divide the amount into "suballocations," known as 302(b) allocations. Quite literally, they take the total discretionary "money pie" and cut it in to twelve pieces.

Each slice of the discretionary "pie" funds a different government function as follows:

- 1) Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies
- 2) Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies
- 3) Defense
- 4) Energy and Water Resources Development, and Related Agencies
- 5) Financial Services and General Government
- 6) Homeland Security
- 7) Interior, Environment and Related Agencies
- 8) Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies
- 9) Legislative Branch
- 10) Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
- 11) State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs
- 12) Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

The Budget Act allows the Appropriations Committees from May 15 until June 10 to finalize the 12 spending bills and forward them to the full House and Senate.

8. **House and Senate consider 12 Annual Appropriations/Spending Bills**  
By June 10, the full House and Senate should begin consideration of the 12 annual appropriations bills. Other than some special rules of debate, the 12 spending bills follow the same legislative procedure as other bills.
9. **House and Senate Work Out Differences in Conference**  
Since the appropriations bills are once again being debated and amended separately, House and Senate versions will have to go through the same conference committee process as the Budget Resolution. The conferees have to agree on one version of each bill capable of passing in both the House and Senate by a majority vote.
10. **Full House and Senate Consider 12 Conference Agreements**  
Once the conference committees have forwarded their agreements to them, the House and Senate must both approve them by a majority vote. The Budget Act stipulates that the House give final approval to all 12 spending bills by June 30.
11. **President May Sign or Veto Any or All of the Appropriations Bills**  
As spelled out in the Constitution, the President has ten days in which to decide: (1) to sign the bill, thereby making it law; (2) to veto the bill, thereby sending it back to Congress and requiring much of the process to begin again with respect to the programs covered by that bill; or (3) to allow the bill to become law without his signature, thereby making it law but doing so without his express approval.
12. **The Government Begins a New Fiscal Year**  
If and when the process goes as planned, all 12 spending bills will have been signed by the President and have become Public Laws by October 1, the start of the new Fiscal Year. More and more frequently, however, Congress does not complete action on all appropriations bills before October 1.
13. **Continuing Resolution (CR)**  
When Congress is unable to complete action on an appropriations bill by October 1, it will usually pass a Continuing Resolution, which must be signed by the President, continuing a program or activity until the regular appropriations bill is completed. Programs and activities are usually "continued" at the existing or current year funding level, although the levels specified can be lowered or raised until date specified in the resolution. During the period of CR, Congress works to complete the regular appropriations bill.
14. **Omnibus Appropriations**  
As more and more appropriations bills fail to pass before the beginning of the Fiscal Year, Congress has adopted the practice of combining the bills not passed in the regular process into a single, final appropriations bill called an "omnibus."

## APPROPRIATIONS TIMELINE

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The following presents the normal appropriations schedule, which is subject to change in any given year:

January	Congressional session convenes
February	President sends his budget request to Congress, first week Budget Committees begin work on Budget Resolution
March	Subcommittees conduct appropriations hearings
April	Congress adopts Budget Resolution by April 15; subcommittees receive 302(b) allocations
May	House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee conducts mark-up of appropriations bill
June	Full Committee marks up Interior appropriations bill; bill goes to House floor for approval (June/July)
July	Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee conducts mark-up of bill, followed by full Appropriations Committee mark-up
August	Summer recess
September	Interior appropriations bill goes to Senate floor for approval. House-Senate conference committee reconciles differences between the two bills and produces a final bill to be approved by full House and Senate.  Continuing Resolution passed (if needed)
October	New fiscal year begins  Congress adjourns

## GLOSSARY OF CONGRESSIONAL TERMS

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### **Appropriations Bill**

A bill that gives legal authority to spend or obligate money from the Treasury. The Constitution forbids money to be drawn from the Treasury “but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law.” By congressional custom, an appropriations bill originates in the House, and it is not supposed to be considered by the full House or Senate until a related measure authorizing the funding is enacted. The latter restriction is often ignored, however. An appropriation bill grants the actual money approved by authorization bills, but not necessarily the full amount permissible under the authorization. The 1985 Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law stipulated that the House pass, by June 30, the last regular appropriations bill for the fiscal year starting October 1. (There is no such deadline for the Senate.) However, appropriations often have not been completed until well after the fiscal year begins, requiring a succession of stopgap bills to continue the government’s functions. In addition, much federal spending - notably that for Social Security and interest on the federal debt - does not require annual appropriations; those programs exist under permanent appropriations. (See also Report, Budget Authority.)

### **Authorization**

Basic, substantive legislation that establishes or continues the legal operation of a federal program or agency, either indefinitely or for a specific period of time, or which sanctions a particular type of obligation or expenditure. An authorization normally is a prerequisite for an appropriation or other kind of budget authority. Under the rules of both houses, the appropriation for a program or agency may not be considered until its authorization has been considered, but this step is often ignored.

### **Bills**

Most legislative proposals before Congress are in the form of bills. Bills are designated H.R. if they originate in the House of Representatives and S. if they originate in the Senate and by a number assigned in the order in which they are introduced during the two-year period of a congressional term.

### **Budget Act**

The common name for the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Act of 1974, which established the current budget process and created the Congressional Budget Office. The act also put limits on presidential authority to refuse to spend appropriated money.

### **Budget Authority**

Authority provided by law to enter into obligations that will result in outlays of Federal funds. The basic forms of budget authority are appropriations, contract authority and borrowing authority. Budget authority may be classified by the period of availability (one-year, multiyear, no-year), by the timing of congressional action (current or permanent), or by the manner of determining the amount available (definite or indefinite).

### **Budget Resolution**

Legislation in the form of a concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget, but not requiring the president’s signature. The budget resolution establishes various budget totals, divides spending totals into functional categories (e.g., transportation), and may include reconciliation instructions to designated House or Senate committees. It also determines how much will be available in the appropriations process during a fiscal year.



### Conference

A formal meeting between the representatives of the House and the Senate to reconcile differences between the two houses on provisions of a bill passed by both chambers. Members of the conference committee are appointed by the Speaker and the presiding officer of the Senate and are called “managers” for their respective chambers. For appropriations bills, the conferees/managers are usually the members of the relevant subcommittee. A majority of the managers for each house must reach agreement on the provisions of the bill (often a compromise between the versions of the two chambers) before either chamber can consider it in the form of a “conference report.” When the conference report goes to the floor, it cannot be amended, and if both chambers do not approve it, the bill may go back to conference in certain situations, or a new conference must be convened. Many rules and informal practices govern the conduct of conference committees.

### Continuing Resolution (CR)

A joint resolution enacted by Congress and signed by the president (when the new fiscal year is about to begin or has begun) to provide new budget authority for federal agencies and programs to continue in operation until the regular appropriations acts are enacted. (See also Appropriations Bill.) The continuing resolution usually specifies a maximum rate at which an agency may incur obligations, based on the rate of the prior year, the president’s budget request or an appropriations bill passed by either or both houses of Congress but not yet enacted. Continuing resolutions are also called “CRs” or continuing appropriations. In the House, CRs are privileged after September 15.

### Co-Sponsor

A member who joins in sponsoring legislation but who is not the principal sponsor or the one who introduced the measure. An initial co-sponsor is one who is listed at the time of the bill’s introduction, not added on later.

### Dear Colleague Letter

A letter drafted by several members, usually on a bipartisan basis, and circulated among members/colleagues for signatures. The letter is usually sent to the chair and ranking member of a committee or subcommittee and requests the committee or subcommittee to take or not to take certain action.

### Discretionary Spending

Spending for programs that Congress finances as it chooses through annual appropriations. About a third of all federal spending falls into this category. Examples include most military spending; salaries and operating costs for federal agencies, Congress, White House and the federal courts; and programs supporting education, space exploration, scientific research, child nutrition, housing, transportation and foreign aid.

### Fiscal Year

The federal government’s annual accounting period. Financial operations of the government are carried out in a 12-month accounting year, beginning on October 1 and ending on September 30. The fiscal year carries the date of the calendar year in which it ends and is referred to as FY; for example, fiscal year 2010 begins on October 1, 2009 and ends on September 30, 2010.

### **Floor Manager**

A member who has the task of steering legislation through floor debate and the amendment process to a final vote in the House or the Senate. Floor managers usually are the chairmen or ranking members of the committee that reported the legislation under debate. Managers are responsible for apportioning the debate time divided between the parties (for general debate in the House Committee of the Whole) or allocated between supporters and opponents of the bill or amendments to it (under a Senate time agreement). The ranking minority member of the committee normally apportions time among minority party members participating in debate.

### **Hearings**

Committee sessions for taking testimony from witnesses. At hearings on legislation, witnesses usually include specialists, government officials and spokesmen for persons or entities affected by the bill or bills under study.

### **Mandatory Spending**

Spending mostly on entitlement programs, whose eligibility requirements are written into law. Any person who meets those requirements is entitled to the money until Congress changes the law. Examples include Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, unemployment benefits, food stamps, and federal pensions. Another major category of mandatory spending is interest paid to holders of federal government bills, notes and bonds. Both Social Security benefits and interest payments on the debt are permanently appropriated. Though budget authority for some other mandatory programs is provided through the appropriations process, appropriators have little or no control over the money. Mandatory spending accounts for about two-thirds of all federal spending.

### **Omnibus Bill**

A draft law before a legislature which contains more than one substantive matter, or several minor matters which have been combined into one bill, ostensibly for the sake of convenience.

### **Outlays**

Payments made (generally through the issuance of checks or disbursement of cash) to liquidate obligations. Outlays during a fiscal year may be for the payment of obligations incurred in prior years or in the same year.

### **Pay-As-You-Go (PayGo) Process**

A process established by the Budget Enforcement Act of 1990 to ensure that, for fiscal years 1991-95, direct spending and revenue legislation did not add to the deficit. PAYGO requires that direct spending or revenue legislation increasing the deficit be offset or a presidential sequester of resources in certain direct spending accounts will occur. Emergency needs agreed to by the president and Congress may be exempted from the requirement.

### **Reconciliation**

The 1974 budget act provides for a "reconciliation" procedure for bringing existing tax and spending laws into conformity with ceilings enacted in the congressional budget resolutions. Under the procedure, Congress instructs designated legislative committees to approve measures adjusting revenues and expenditures by a certain amount. The committees have a deadline by which they must report the legislation, but they have the discretion of deciding what changes are to be made. The recommendations of

the various committees are consolidated without change by the budget committees into an omnibus reconciliation bill, which must be considered and approved by both houses of Congress. The orders to congressional committees to report recommendations for reconciliation bills are called reconciliation instructions, and they are contained in the budget resolution.

### **Report/Reported**

Both a verb and a noun as a congressional term: a committee that has been examining a bill referred to it by the parent chamber “reports” its findings and recommendations to the chamber when it completes consideration and returns the measure. The process is called “reporting” a bill. A “report” is the document setting forth the committee’s explanation of its action. Senate and House reports are numbered separately and are designated S Rept. or H Rept. In the House, reports are required, while in the Senate they are not. When a committee report is not unanimous, the dissenting committee members may file a statement of their views, called minority views and referred to as a minority report. Members in disagreement with some provisions of a bill may file additional or supplemental views. Sometimes a bill is reported without a committee recommendation.

### **Supplemental Appropriations Bill**

Legislation appropriating funds after the regular annual appropriations bill for a federal department or agency has been enacted. A supplemental appropriation provides additional budget authority beyond original estimates for programs or activities, including new programs authorized after the enactment of the regular appropriation act, for which the need for funds is too urgent to be postponed until enactment of the next year’s regular appropriations bill.

## TIPS ON LOBBYING

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### Develop a Lobbying Strategy

Have a well-conceived message.  
Develop concise talking points.

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### Know Your Legislators

Read as much material as you can about your legislators. Have they supported NEH or the State Councils in the past?

- If yes, say thank you. Thank yous are rare on Capitol Hill and are very appreciated
- Decide on two or three issues to focus on. Focus on issues that correspond to Members' interests if you can identify them. Is the Member interested in education? What education programs does your council offer?
- Be aware of committee/subcommittee assignments that may be important. For example, does the Member serve on Interior Appropriations.
- Choose issues that you are comfortable with. You are most effective when you are knowledgeable and committed.

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### Dos and Don'ts During Your Meeting

- DO arrive on time.
- DON'T be disappointed if you are unable to meet directly with the policymaker. His/her staffer is probably knowledgeable about the issues you will be discussing, and will bring your points to the member's attention. If the staffer is not knowledgeable, educate him/her.
- DO begin by thanking the legislator or staffer for his/her past support if appropriate.
- DO state why you are concerned about the issue or issues. Your personal experiences are extremely valuable. Share examples, stories and anecdotes to illustrate your points.
- DON'T claim to be an expert. If you do not know an answer to a question, offer to find out and contact the member at a later date. This will give you reason to communicate and express your views a second time. After the meeting, the Federation will help you follow up.
- DON'T be argumentative. It's okay to disagree. Be polite, but persistent as you make your points.
- DO end your meeting with two or three concise points about issues discussed.
- DO leave suggested letters and fact sheets on the issues you've discussed. The concise handouts summarize points for future reference.

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### After Your Meeting

- Jot down any questions raised and your impressions about the legislator's or staff's positions by filling out a congressional contact report (included in this handbook or online at [www.statehumanities.org/advocacy/htm](http://www.statehumanities.org/advocacy/htm)). If the legislator's view differed from yours, what was the basis for the disagreement? This information can be useful for follow up visits, letters and phone calls.

Follow up your visit with a personal letter. Express thanks for the opportunity to meet, and reiterate your main points.

## SECTION 2

# FY 2018 APPROPRIATIONS

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Senate Appropriations Committee

House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee

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House Authorizing Committee

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Robert Menendez (NJ)

Tom Carper (DE)

Ben Cardin (MD)

Sherrod Brown (OH)

Michael Bennet (CO)

Michael Casey (PA)

Mark R. Warner (VA)

Claire McCaskill (MO)

## EXPLANATION AND HISTORY OF CONGRESSIONAL HUMANITIES CAUCUSES

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A caucus, either in the House or the Senate, is a group of members who join together to promote common interests or legislative objectives. Ideally, a caucus will include members from both sides of the aisle who join the caucus to indicate their support for a particular issue or agenda.

The website of the U.S. Senate notes that “Informal congressional groups and organizations of Members with shared interests in specific issues or philosophies have been part of the American policymaking process since colonial times.” Typically, these groups organize without official recognition by the chamber and are not funded through the appropriation process.

Caucuses in the House are officially named Congressional Member Organizations and must register at the beginning of each new Congress with the House Committee on House Administration. The caucuses have no legal identity and are not permitted to set up separate office space or accept funds or services from private organizations or individuals (though members may use personal funds to support the caucus).

The Congressional Humanities Caucus in the House was formed in late 2004, spearheaded by Rep. Jim Leach (R-IA) and Rep. David Price (D-NC), who served as the co-chairs of the caucus. Their initial letter inviting their House colleagues to join stated that caucus the would “work to raise the profile of the humanities, which is the study of who we were, are, and hope to be...specifically, the fields of history, religion, ethics, architecture, archeology, linguistics, philosophy, and politics...Only by promoting a national understanding of American history, culture, and traditions, can we hope to unify our country for the many challenges we will face in the 21st Century.” State humanities councils played a key role in helping build the membership of the caucus.

In their initial communications with the humanities community, the co-chairs stressed their interest in simply increasing the visibility and understanding of the humanities among their colleagues, but the caucus leadership quickly took an active role in the appropriations process as well, working with the Congressional Arts Caucus to develop floor amendments, initiating Dear Colleague letters in support of funding increases for the humanities, and speaking at Humanities on the Hill and other humanities advocacy events. The current co-chairs are Rep. Leonard Lance (R-NJ) and Rep. David Price (D-NC).

The Senate Cultural Caucus, formed in 2005, was established by Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA), Sen. Norm Coleman (R-MN), Sen. Mike Enzi (R-WY), and Sen. Jim Jeffords (I-VT), as a combined arts and humanities caucus. The Senate Cultural Caucus has been a welcome counterpart to the Congressional Humanities Caucus, but in general the caucus has played a less active role in pursuing funding increases.

## HOUSE HUMANITIES CAUCUS (AS OF FEBRUARY 2017)

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### Co-Chairs

Rep. David Price (D-NC-4)

Rep. Leonard Lance (R-NJ-7)

Becerra, Xavier (D-CA-31)  
Bishop Jr., Sanford (D-GA-2)  
Blumenaur, Earl (D-OR-3)  
Bonamici, Suzanne (D-OR-1)  
Bordallo, Madeleine (D-Guam-At-Large)  
Capuano, Michael (D-MA-8)  
Carson, Andre (D-IN-7)  
Clyburn, Jim (D-SC-6)  
Cohen, Steve (D-TN-9)  
Cole, Tom (R-OK-4)  
Conyers, John (D-MI-14)  
Cooper, Jim (D-TN-5)  
Cummings, Elijah (D-MD-7)  
DeFazio, Peter (D-OR-4)  
DeLauro, Rosa (D-CT-3)  
DeSaulnier, Mark (D-CA-11)  
Doggett, Lloyd (D-TX-25)  
Eshoo, Anna (D-CA-14)  
Esty, Elizabeth (D-CT-5)  
Fortenberry, Jeff (R-NE-1)  
Grijalva, Raul (D-AZ-3)  
Guthrie, Brett (R-KY-2)  
Gutierrez, Luis (D-IL-4)  
Hastings, Alcee (D-FL-23)  
Heck, Denny (D-WA-10)  
Jenkins, Lynn (R-KS-2)  
Johnson, Hank (D-GA-4)  
Kind, Ron (D-WI-3)  
Langevin, James (D-RI-2)  
Larsen, Rick (D-WA-2)  
Levin, Sander (D-MI-9)

Lewis, John (D-GA-5)  
Lieu, Ted (D-CA-33)  
Lipinski, Daniel (D-IL-3)  
Loebsack, Dave (D-IA-2)  
Lujan, Ben Ray, (D-NM-3)  
Maloney, Carolyn (D-NY-14)  
Matsui, Doris (D-CA-5)  
McCollum, Betty (D-MN-4)  
McGovern, Jim (D-MA-03)  
McKinley, David (R-WV-1)  
Nadler, Jerrold (D-NY-8)  
Norton, Eleanor Holmes (D-DC-At-Large)  
Pascrell, Bill (D-NJ-8)  
Payne Jr., Donald (D-NJ-10)  
Pingree, Chellie (D-ME-1)  
Polis, Jared (D-CO-02)  
Ruppersberger, Dutch (D-MD-2)  
Rush, Bobby (D-IL-1)  
Ryan, Tim (D-OH-17)  
Sablan, Gregorio Kilili Camacho (D-MP-At-Large)  
Sanchez, Loretta (D-CA-46)  
Schakowsky, Jan (D-IL-9)  
Schiff, Adam (D-CA-29)  
Scott, Bobby (D-VA-3)  
Serrano, José E. (D-NY-16)  
Slaughter, Louise (D-NY-28)  
Smith, Adam (D-WA-9)  
Takano, Mark (D-CA-41)  
Thompson, Mike (D-CA-1)  
Yarmuth, John (D-KY-3)

## SENATE CULTURAL CAUCUS (AS OF FEBRUARY 2017)

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### Co-Chairs

Senator Michael Enzi (R-WY)

Tom Udall (D-NM)

Sherrod Brown (D-OH)

Thad Cochran (R-MS)

Susan Collins (R-ME)

Richard Durbin (D-IL)

Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)

Orrin Hatch (R-UT)

Johnny Isakson (R-GA)

Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)

Robert Menendez (D-NJ)

Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)

Patty Murray (D-WA)

Gary Peters (D-MI)

Jack Reed (D-RI)

Charles Schumer (D-NY)

Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)



## SECTION 3

# FY 2017 BACKGROUND

NEH Funding Chart (FY2015 – Present)  
History of NEH/State Humanities Council Funding  
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Dear Colleague Letter (Senate)  
Congressional Contact Report

<b>FY 2017 Appropriation Request</b>					
(\$ in thousands)					
	FY 2015 Approp.	FY 2016 Approp.	FY 2017 Request	FY 2017 House	FY2017 Senate
<i>The Common Good/Standing Together</i>	--	\$5,500	\$10,190	\$7,230	\$7,500
Bridging Cultures	\$3,500	--	--	---	---
Education Programs	\$13,625	\$13,040	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,550
Federal/State Partnership	\$42,528	\$43,040	\$43,040	\$46,000	\$43,540
Preservation and Access	\$15,460	\$15,200	\$14,385	\$14,385	\$14,625
Public Programs	\$13,684	\$13,454	\$12,730	\$12,730	\$12,945
Research Programs	\$14,784	\$14,536	\$13,755	\$13,755	\$13,990
Digital Humanities	\$4,400	\$4,480	\$4,600	\$4,600	\$4,600
Program Development	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$108,121</b>	<b>\$109,750</b>	<b>\$111,200</b>	<b>\$111,200</b>	<b>\$110,250</b>
Challenge Grants	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,000
Treasury Matching Funds	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,244
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$10,900</b>	<b>\$10,900</b>	<b>\$10,700</b>	<b>\$10,700</b>	<b>\$10,224</b>
Administration	\$27,000	\$27,292	\$27,948	\$27,900	\$27,948
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$146,021</b>	<b>\$147,942</b>	<b>\$149,898</b>	<b>\$149,800</b>	<b>\$148,442</b>

HISTORY OF NEH APPROPRIATIONS (1966-2016)

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<u>Fiscal year</u>	<u>Fed/State Partnership Appropriation</u>	<u>NEH Appropriation</u>
1966	----	\$ 2.864
1967	----	2.616
1968	----	4.425
1969	----	5.662
1970	\$ 0.356	8.855
1971	0.587	14.890
1972	2.217	29.730
1973	5.160	40.657
1974	7.569	54.250
1975	13.530	79.142
1976	8.092	84.955
Transition quarter	7.952	22.614
1977	17.988	99.372
1978	18.500	121.000
1979	22.100	145.231
1980	22.500	150.100
1981	23.947	151.299
1982	20.329	130.560
1983	20.329	130.247
1984	21.850	140.118
1985	21.413	139.478
1986	20.179	132.679
1987	21.000	138.890
1988	21.300	140.435
1989	25.000	153.000
1990	25.637	156.910
1991	26.859	170.004
1992	27.548	175.954
1993	28.298	177.413
1994	28.204	177.491
1995	28.014	172.003
1996	26.500	109.981
1997	28.000	110.000
1998	28.000	110.700
1999	28.000	110.683
2000	29.160	115.260
2001	30.593 (.22% rescission)	119.995 (.22% rec.)
2002	31.829	124.491
2003	31.622	124.936
2004	31.436 +3.8 (WTP)	135.310
2005	31.387 +4.2 (WTP)	138.054
2006	30.926 +5.92 (WTP)	140.949
2007	30.926 +5.92 (WTP)	141.105
2008	31.712 +6.824 (WTP)	144.707
2009	35.000 +6.824 (WTP)	155.000

2010	40.370 +6.824 (WTP)	167.500
2011	42.450 (No separate WTP)	154.690
2012	40.435 (No separate WTP)	146.021
2013	38.320	138.383
2014	42.435	146.021
2015	42.528	146.021
2016	43.040	147.942

State	Representative	Party	District	Dear Colleague 2012	Humanities Caucus 2012	Dear Colleague 2013	Humanities Caucus 2013	Omnibus 2014	Dear Colleague 2014	Humanities Caucus 2014	Omnibus 2015	Dear Colleague 2015	Humanities Caucus 2015	Omnibus 2016	Dear Colleague 2016	Humanities Caucus 2016
AK	Young, Don	R	At Large					X			X			X	X	
AL	Byrne, Bradley	R	1								X	X				
AL	Roby, Martha	R	2					X			X					
AL	Rogers, Mike	R	3					X								
AL	Aderholt, Robert B.	R	4					X			X			X		
AL	Brooks, Mo	R	5													
AL	Palmer, Gary	R	6													
AL	Sewell, Terri A.	D	7					X			X			X		
AZ	O'Halleran	D	1													
AZ	McSally, Martha	R	2											X		
AZ	Grijalva, Raúl M.	D	3						X			X	X		X	X
AZ	Gosar, Paul A.	R	4													
AZ	Biggs, Andy	R	5													
AZ	Schweikert, David	R	6													
AZ	Gallego, Ruben	D	7												X	
AZ	Franks, Trent	R	8													
AZ	Sinema, Kyrsten	D	9					X			X			X		
AR	Crawford, Eric A. "Rick"	R	1													
AR	Hill, French	R	2											X		
AR	Womack, Steve	R	3					X			X			X		
AR	Westerman, Bruce	R	4													
CA	LaMalfa, Doug	R	1													
CA	Huffman, Jared	D	2			X		X	X			X		X	X	
CA	Garamendi, John	D	3					X			X	X		X	X	
CA	McClintock, Tom	R	4													
CA	Thompson, Mike	D	5		X		X	X		X			X	X		X
CA	Matsui, Doris O.	D	6	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
CA	Bera, Ami	D	7					X			X			X		
CA	Cook, Paul	R	8											X		
CA	McNerney, Jerry	D	9	X		X		X	X			X		X	X	
CA	Denham, Jeff	R	10					X			X			X		
CA	DeSaulnier, Mark	D	11									X	X	X	X	X
CA	Pelosi, Nancy	D	12					X						X		
CA	Lee, Barbara	D	13			X		X	X					X	X	
CA	Speier, Jackie	D	14			X		X	X			X		X		
CA	Swalwell, Eric	D	15					X						X		
CA	Costa, Jim	D	16					X	X		X			X	X	
CA	Khanna, Ro	D	17													
CA	Eshoo, Anna G.	D	18		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
CA	Lofgren, Zoe	D	19					X	X			X			X	
CA	Panetta, Jimmy	D	20													
CA	Valadao, David	R	21					X			X			X		
CA	Nunes, Devin	R	22					X			X			X		
CA	McCarthy, Kevin	R	23					X			X			X		
CA	Carbajal, S	D	24													
CA	Knight, Steve	R	25					X			X			X		
CA	Brownley, Julia	D	26					X	X		X	X		X	X	
CA	Chu, Judy	D	27					X						X	X	
CA	Schiff, Adam B.	D	28		X		X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X
CA	Cardenas, Tony	D	29					X						X		
CA	Sherman, Brad	D	30					X			X			X		
CA	Aguilar, Pete	D	31											X		
CA	Napolitano, Grace F.	D	32					X						X		
CA	Lieu, Ted	D	33										X		X	X
CA	Xavier Becerra - VACANT	D	34	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	

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CA	Torres, Norma	D	35											X		
CA	Ruiz, Raul	D	36					X	X		X	X		X	X	
CA	Bass, Karen	D	37					X			X			X		
CA	Sánchez, Linda T.	D	38					X				X		X	X	
CA	Royce, Edward R.	R	39					X			X			X		
CA	Roybal-Allard, Lucille	D	40					X						X		
CA	Takano, Mark	D	41			X	X	X	X			X	X		X	X
CA	Calvert, Ken	R	42					X			X			X		
CA	Waters, Maxine	D	43					X								
CA	Barragan, Nanette	D	44													
CA	Walters, Mimi	R	45											X		
CA	Correa, Lou	D	46													
CA	Lowenthal, Alan	D	47					X						X		
CA	Rohrabacher, Dana	R	48													
CA	Issa, Darrell E.	R	49					X			X			X		
CA	Hunter, Duncan	R	50					X			X					
CA	Vargas, Juan	D	51					X						X		
CA	Peters, Scott	D	52					X	X		X			X	X	
CA	Davis, Susan A.	D	53					X			X	X		X		
CO	DeGette, Diana	D	1			X		X	X			X		X	X	
CO	Polis, Jared	D	2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X
CO	Tipton, Scott R.	R	3								X					
CO	Buck, Ken	R	4													
CO	Lamborn, Doug	R	5													
CO	Coffman, Mike	R	6								X			X	X	
CO	Perlmutter, Ed	D	7			X		X	X		X	X		X	X	
CT	Larson, John B.	D	1					X				X		X	X	
CT	Courtney, Joe	D	2			X		X	X			X		X		
CT	DeLauro, Rosa L.	D	3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
CT	Himes, James A.	D	4					X						X		
CT	Esty, Elizabeth	D	5					X	X			X	X	X	X	X
DE	Blunt Rochester, Lisa	D	At Large													
FL	Gaetz, Matt	R	1													
FL	Dunn, Neal	R	2													
FL	Yoho, Ted	R	3					X			X					
FL	Rutherford, John	R	4													
FL	Lawson, Al	D	5													
FL	DeSantis, Ron	R	6													
FL	Murphy, Stephanie	D	7													
FL	Posey, Bill	R	8													
FL	Soto, Darren	D	9													
FL	Demings, Val	D	10													
FL	Webster, Daniel	R	11													
FL	Bilirakis, Gus M.	R	12					X			X			X		
FL	Crist, Charlie	D	13													
FL	Castor, Kelly	D	14											X	X	
FL	Ross, Dennis A.	R	15											X		
FL	Rooney, Thomas J.	R	17					X			X			X		
FL	Mast, Brian	R	18													
FL	Rooney, Francis	R	19													
FL	Hastings, Alcee L.	D	20	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X
FL	Frankel, Lois	D	21												X	
FL	Deutch, Ted	D	22												X	
FL	Wasserman Schultz, Debbie	D	23					X	X		X			X		

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FL	Wilson, Frederica S.	D	24	X		X		X						X	X	
FL	Diaz-Balart, Mario	R	25					X			X			X		
FL	Curbelo, Carlos	R	26					X						X		
FL	Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana	R	27					X			X			X		
GA	Carter, Buddy	R	1								X			X		
GA	Bishop, Sanford D. Jr.	D	2		X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X
GA	Ferguson, Drew	R	3													
GA	Johnson, Henry C. "Hank" Jr.	D	4	X	X		X	X	X	X			X			X
GA	Lewis, John	D	5			X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
GA	Price, Tom	R	6			X		X			X			X		
GA	Woodall, Rob	R	7					X			X			X		
GA	Scott, Austin	R	8											X		
GA	Collins, Doug	R	9					X			X			X		
GA	Hice, Jody	R	10													
GA	Loudermilk, Barry	R	11											X		
GA	Allen, Rick	R	12											X		
GA	Scott, David	D	13	X				X			X			X		
GA	Graves, Tom	R	14					X			X			X		
HI	Hanabusa, Colleen	D	1													
HI	Gabbard, Tulsi	D	2						X			X		X	X	
ID	Labrador, Raúl R.	R	1													
ID	Simpson, Michael K.	R	2					X			X			X		
IL	Rush, Bobby L.	D	1	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X
IL	Kelly, Robin	D	2					X						X		
IL	Lipinski, Daniel	D	3		X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X
IL	Gutierrez, Luis V.	D	4		X		X	X					X			X
IL	Quigley, Mike	D	5	X				X			X			X		
IL	Roskam, Peter J.	R	6					X			X			X		
IL	Davis, Danny K.	D	7	X		X		X	X			X		X	X	
IL	Krishnamoorthi, Raja	D	8													
IL	Schakowsky, Janice D.	D	9	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
IL	Schneider, Brad	D	10													
IL	Foster, Bill	D	11					X	X		X	X		X	X	
IL	Bost, Mike	R	12											X		
IL	Davis, Rodney	R	13					X			X			X		
IL	Hultgren, Randy	R	14					X			X					
IL	Shimkus, John	R	15					X			X			X		
IL	Kinzinger, Adam	R	16					X			X			X		
IL	Bustos, Cheri	D	17					X	X		X	X		X	X	
IL	LaHood, Darin	R	18													
IN	Visclosky, Peter J.	D	1					X						X		
IN	Walorski, Jackie	R	2					X			X			X		
IN	Banks, Jim	R	3													
IN	Rokita, Todd	R	4					X			X			X		
IN	Brooks, Susan W.	R	5					X			X					
IN	Messer, Luke	R	6					X			X			X		
IN	Carson, André	D	7	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
IN	Bucshon, Larry	R	8					X			X			X		
IN	Hollingsworth, Trey	R	9													
IA	Blum, Rod	R	1													
IA	Loeb sack, David	D	2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
IA	Young, David	R	3								X					
IA	King, Steve	R	4													
KS	Marshall, Roger	R	1													

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KS	Jenkins, Lynn, CPA	R	2					X		X	X		X		X	X
KS	Yoder, Kevin	R	3					X						X		
KS	Pompeo, Mike - VACANT	R	4													
KY	Comer, James	R	1													
KY	Guthrie, Brett	R	2		X		X	X		X	X			X		X
KY	Yarmuth, John A.	D	3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
KY	Massie, Thomas	R	4		X											
KY	Rogers, Harold	R	5					X			X			X		
KY	Barr, Andy	R	6					X			X			X		
LA	Scalise, Steve	R	1								X			X		
LA	Richmond, Cedric L.	D	2					X			X			X		
LA	Higgins, Clay	R	3													
LA	Johnson, Mike	R	4													
LA	Abraham, Ralph	R	5					X								
LA	Graves, Garret	R	6					X			X					
ME	Pingree, Chellie	D	1	X	X		X	X		X			X	X		X
ME	Poliquin, Bruce	R	2										X			
MD	Harris, Andy	R	1					X			X					
MD	Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch	D	2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
MD	Sarbanes, John P.	D	3			X		X	X			X		X	X	
MD	Brown, Anthony G.	D	4													
MD	Hoyer, Steny H.	D	5					X			X			X		
MD	Delaney, John	D	6					X	X		X	X		X	X	
MD	Cummings, Elijah E.	D	7	X	X		X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
MD	Raskin, Jamie	D	8													
MA	Neal, Richard E.	D	1					X	X			X		X	X	
MA	McGovern, James P.	D	2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
MA	Tsongas, Niki	D	3					X	X			X		X	X	
MA	Kennedy III, Joseph P.	D	4					X	X			X			X	
MA	Clark, Katherine	D	5					X	X			X		X	X	
MA	Moulton, Seth	D	6											X	X	
MA	Capuano, Michael E.	D	7	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
MA	Lynch, Stephen F.	D	8	X		X		X	X			X		X		
MA	Keating, William R.	D	9					X	X			X		X	X	
MI	Bergman, Jack	R	1													
MI	Huizenga, Bill	R	2					X			X			X		
MI	Amash, Justin	R	3													
MI	Moolenaar, John	R	4											X		
MI	Kildee, Dale E.	D	5	X	X	X		X	X	X		X			X	
MI	Upton, Fred	R	6					X			X			X		
MI	Walberg, Tim	R	7					X			X			X		
MI	Bishop, Mike	R	8											X		
MI	Levin, Sander M.	D	9	X		X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
MI	Mitchell, Paul	R	10													
MI	Trott, Dave	R	11											X		
MI	Dingell, Debbie	D	12											X	X	
MI	Conyers, John Jr.	D	13		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
MI	Lawrence, Brenda	D	14											X		
MN	Walz, Timothy J.	D	1					X	X			X		X	X	
MN	Lewis, Jason	R	2													
MN	Paulsen, Erik	R	3					X			X			X		
MN	McCollum, Betty	D	4		X		X	X		X			X	X		X
MN	Ellison, Keith	D	5			X		X	X			X			X	
MN	Emmer, Tom	R	6													
MN	Peterson, Collin C.	D	7	X				X	X			X		X	X	



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MN	Nolan, Rick	D	8					X						X		
MS	Kelly, Trent	R	1											X		
MS	Thompson, Bennie G.	D	2					X								
MS	Harper, Gregg	R	3					X			X			X		
MS	Palazzo, Steven M.	R	4					X			X			X		
MO	Clay, Wm. Lacy	D	1			X		X			X			X	X	
MO	Wagner, Ann	R	2					X			X			X		
MO	Luetkemeyer, Blaine	R	3					X			X			X		
MO	Hartzler, Vicky	R	4					X			X			X		
MO	Cleaver, Emanuel	D	5						X					X	X	
MO	Graves, Sam	R	6					X			X			X		
MO	Long, Billy	R	7								X					
MO	Smith, Jason	R	8								X					
MT	Zinke, Ryan	R	At Large											X		
NE	Fortenberry, Jeff	R	1		X		X	X		X	X		X			X
NE	Bacon, Don	R	2													
NE	Smith, Adrian	R	3								X					
NV	Titus, Dina	D	1					X	X			X		X	X	
NV	Amodei, Mark	R	2					X			X					
NV	Rosen, Jacky	D	3													
NV	Kihuen, Ruben	D	4													
NH	Shea-Porter, Carol	D	1													
NH	Kuster, Ann McLane	D	2					X	X		X	X		X	X	
NJ	Norcross, Donald	D	1											X	X	
NJ	LoBiondo, Frank A.	R	2					X			X			X		
NJ	MacArthur, Tom	R	3											X		
NJ	Smith, Christopher H.	R	4					X			X			X		
NJ	Gottheimer, Josh	D	5													
NJ	Pallone, Frank Jr.	D	6	X		X		X						X	X	
NJ	Lance, Leonard	R	7		X	X	X	X	X	Co-chair	X	X	X		X	Co-chair
NJ	Sires, Albio	D	8					X	X					X	X	
NJ	Pascrell, Bill Jr.	D	9	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
NJ	Payne, Donald Jr.	D	10		X	X		X		X			X	X	X	X
NJ	Frelinghuysen, Rodney P.	R	11					X			X			X		
NJ	Watson Coleman, Bonnie	D	12											X	X	
NM	Lujan Grisham, Michelle	D	1					X		X		X		X	X	
NM	Pearce, Stevan	R	2								X			X		
NM	Luján, Ben Ray	D	3	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X
NY	Zeldin, Lee	R	1											X		
NY	King, Peter T.	R	2					X						X		
NY	Suozzi, Thomas	D	3													
NY	Rice, Kathleen	D	4											X	X	
NY	Meeks, Gregory W.	D	5					X			X	X		X	X	
NY	Meng, Grace	D	6					X	X			X		X	X	
NY	Velázquez, Nydia M.	D	7	X		X		X						X	X	
NY	Jeffries, Hakeem	D	8					X						X		
NY	Clarke, Yvette D.	D	9	X		X		X	X			X		X	X	
NY	Nadler, Jerrold	D	10	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
NY	Donovan, Daniel	R	11											X	X	
NY	Maloney, Carolyn B.	D	12	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
NY	Española, Adriano	D	13													
NY	Crowley, Joseph	D	14	X		X		X	X		X			X		
NY	Serrano, José E.	D	15		X		X	X		X			X	X		X
NY	Engel, Eliot L.	D	16	X		X		X	X			X		X	X	
NY	Lowey, Nita M.	D	17					X			X			X		

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NY	Maloney, Sean Patrick	D	18					X			X	X		X	X	
NY	Faso, John	R	19													
NY	Tonko, Paul	D	20			X		X	X			X			X	
NY	Stefanik, Elise	R	21											X		
NY	Tenney, Caludia	R	22													
NY	Reed, Tom	R	23					X			X			X		
NY	Katko, John	R	24											X		
NY	Slaughter, Louise McIntosh	D	25	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X
NY	Higgins, Brian	D	26					X						X	X	
NY	Collins, Chris	R	27					X			X			X		
NC	Butterfield, G. K.	D	1			X		X	X			X		X	X	
NC	Holding, George	R	2													
NC	Jones, Walter B.	R	3													
NC	Price, David E.	D	4	X	Co-chair			X	X	Co-chair	X	X	X	X	X	Co-chair
NC	Fox, Virginia	R	5					X			X			X		
NC	Walker, Mark	R	6								X					
NC	Rouser, David	R	7											X		
NC	Hudson, Richard	R	8					X			X					
NC	Pittenger, Robert	R	9					X						X		
NC	McHenry, Patrick T.	R	10					X			X			X		
NC	Meadows, Mark	R	11													
NC	Adams, Alma	D	12											X	X	
NC	Budd, Ted	R	13													
ND	Cramer, Kevin	R	At Large					X						X		
OH	Chabot, Steve	R	1								X			X		
OH	Wenstrup, Brad	R	2								X			X		
OH	Beatty, Joyce	D	3					X	X			X		X	X	
OH	Jordan, Jim	R	4													
OH	Latta, Robert E.	R	5					X			X					
OH	Johnson, Bill	R	6					X				X		X		
OH	Gibbs, Bob	R	7					X			X					
OH	Davidson, Warren	R	8													
OH	Kaptur, Marcy	D	9					X			X			X		
OH	Turner, Michael R.	R	10					X			X			X		
OH	Fudge, Marcia L.	D	11					X						X		
OH	Tiberi, Patrick J.	R	12					X			X			X		
OH	Ryan, Tim	D	13		X		X	X		X			X	X		X
OH	Joyce, David	R	14					X			X			X		
OH	Stivers, Steve	R	15					X			X			X		
OH	Renacci, James B.	R	16					X			X			X		
OK	Bridenstine, Jim	R	1													
OK	Mullin, Markwayne	R	2											X		
OK	Lucas, Frank D.	R	3					X			X			X		
OK	Cole, Tom	R	4				X	X		X	X		X	X		X
OK	Russell, Steve	R	5											X		
OR	Bonamici, Suzanne	D	1	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
OR	Walden, Greg	R	2					X			X	X		X		
OR	Blumenauer, Earl	D	3	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X
OR	DeFazio, Peter A.	D	4	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
OR	Schrader, Kurt	D	5					X	X							
PA	Brady, Robert A.	D	1	X		X		X	X		X	X		X	X	
PA	Evans, Dwight	D	2													
PA	Kelly, Mike	R	3					X			X					

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PA	Perry, Scott	R	4					X								
PA	Thompson, Glenn	R	5					X			X			X		
PA	Costello, Ryan	R	6											X	X	
PA	Meehan, Patrick	R	7					X			X					
PA	Fitzpatrick, Brian	R	8													
PA	Shuster, Bill	R	9					X			X					
PA	Marino, Tom	R	10					X			X					
PA	Barletta, Lou	R	11					X			X					
PA	Rothfus, Keith	R	12					X			X					
PA	Boyle, Brendan	D	13											X	X	
PA	Doyle, Michael F.	D	14					X	X			X		X		
PA	Dent, Charles W.	R	15					X			X			X		
PA	Smucker, Lloyd	R	16													
PA	Cartwright, Matthew	D	17			X		X	X			X		X	X	
PA	Murphy, Tim	R	18					X			X			X		
RI	Cicilline, David N.	D	1	X	X	X		X	X			X		X	X	
RI	Langevin, James R.	D	2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
SC	Sanford, Mark	R	1					X								
SC	Wilson, Joe	R	2					X						X		
SC	Duncan, Jeff	R	3											X		
SC	Gowdy, Trey	R	4					X								
SC	Mulvaney, Mick	R	5					X								
SC	Clyburn, James E.	D	6		X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X
SC	Rice, Tom	R	7					X						X		
SD	Noem, Kristi L.	R	At Large					X			X			X		
TN	Roe, David P.	R	1					X			X					
TN	Duncan, John J. Jr. "Jimmy"	R	2													
TN	Fleischmann, Charles J.	R	3					X			X			X		
TN	DesJarlais, Scott	R	4													
TN	Cooper, Jim	D	5		X		X	X		X			X	X		X
TN	Black, Diane	R	6					X			X					
TN	Blackburn, Marsha	R	7					X								
TN	Kustoff, David	R	8													
TN	Cohen, Steve	D	9	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
TX	Gohmert, Louie	R	1													
TX	Poe, Ted	R	2											X		
TX	Johnson, Sam	R	3													
TX	Ratcliffe, John	R	4													
TX	Hensarling, Jeb	R	5					X						X		
TX	Barton, Joe	R	6											X		
TX	Culberson, John Abney	R	7					X			X			X		
TX	Brady, Kevin	R	8					X			X			X		
TX	Green, Al	D	9					X						X		
TX	McCaul, Michael T.	R	10					X			X			X		
TX	Conaway, K. Michael	R	11					X						X		
TX	Granger, Kay	R	12					X			X			X		
TX	Thornberry, Mac	R	13					X			X			X		
TX	Weber, Randy	R	14											X		
TX	Gonzalez, Vicente	D	15													
TX	O'Rourke, Beto	D	16			X		X	X			X		X		
TX	Flores, Bill	R	17					X						X		
TX	Jackson Lee, Sheila	D	18			X		X	X			X		X	X	
TX	Arrington, Jodey	R	19													
TX	Castro, Joaquin	D	20					X						X		

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TX	Smith, Lamar	R	21					X								
TX	Olson, Pete	R	22					X						X		
TX	Hurd, Will	R	23													
TX	Marchant, Kenny	R	24											X		
TX	Williams, Roger	R	25													
TX	Burgess, Michael C.	R	26											X		
TX	Farenthold, Blake	R	27					X								
TX	Cuellar, Henry	D	28					X			X					
TX	Green, Gene	D	29					X						X		
TX	Johnson, Eddie Bernice	D	30					X							X	
TX	Carter, John R.	R	31					X			X			X		
TX	Sessions, Pete	R	32					X			X			X		
TX	Veasey, Marc	D	33					X						X	X	
TX	Vela, Filemon Jr.	D	34			X		X	X			X		X	X	
TX	Doggett, Lloyd	D	35	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X
TX	Babin, Brian	R	36													
UT	Bishop, Rob	R	1					X			X			X		
UT	Stewart, Chris	R	2					X			X			X		
UT	Chaffetz, Jason	R	3					X						X		
UT	Love, Mia	R	4											X		
VT	Welch, Peter	D	At Large	X		X		X	X			X			X	
VA	Wittman, Robert J.	R	1					X								
VA	Taylor, Scott	R	2													
VA	Scott, Robert C. "Bobby"	D	3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
VA	McEachin, Donald	R	4													
VA	Garrett, Thomas Jr.	R	5													
VA	Goodlatte, Bob	R	6					X			X					
VA	Dave, Brat	R	7											X		
VA	Beyer, Don	D	8											X	X	
VA	Griffith, H. Morgan	R	9					X								
VA	Comstock, Barbara	R	10											X		
VA	Connolly, Gerald E.	D	11	X		X		X	X		X	X		X		
WA	DelBene, Suzan	D	1					X	X			X		X	X	
WA	Larsen, Rick	D	2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
WA	Herrera Beutler, Jaime	R	3					X			X			X		
WA	Newhouse, Dan	R	4											X		
WA	McMorris Rodgers, Cathy	R	5					X			X			X		
WA	Kilmer, Derek	D	6					X	X					X		
WA	Jayapal, Pramila	D	7													
WA	Reichert, David G.	R	8					X			X			X		
WA	Smith, Adam	D	9		X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
WA	Heck, Denny	D	10			X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
WV	McKinley, David	R	1		X		X	X	X	X			X		X	X
WV	Mooney, Alex	R	2													
WV	Jenkins, Evan	R	3											X		
WI	Ryan, Paul	R	1					X						X		
WI	Pocan, Mark	D	2					X	X			X			X	
WI	Kind, Ron	D	3		X		X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X
WI	Moore, Gwen	D	4					X						X		
WI	Sensenbrenner, F. James Jr.	R	5											X		
WI	Grothman, Glenn	R	6											X		
WI	Duffy, Sean P.	R	7					X			X			X		
WI	Gallagher, Mike	R	8													
WY	Cheney, Liz	R	At Large													

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AL	TBD														
AL	Shelby, Richard C.	R					X								
AK	Sullivan, Dan	R													
AK	Murkowski, Lisa	R		X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X
AZ	Flake, Jeff	R													
AZ	McCain, John	R													
AR	Boozman, John	R					X			X					
AR	Cotton, Tom	R													
CA	Feinstein, Dianne	D		X		X	X					X		X	X
CA	Harris, Kamala	D													
CO	Bennet, Michael F.	D					X	X		X			X		
CO	Gardner, Cory	D											X		
CT	Blumenthal, Richard	D					X				X		X		
CT	Murphy, Christopher	D			X		X	X		X	X		X	X	
DE	Carper, Thomas R.	D					X			X			X		
DE	Coons, Christopher A.	D	X		X		X	X		X	X		X	X	
FL	Nelson, Bill	D					X			X			X		
FL	Rubio, Marco	R													
GA	Perdue, David	R											X		
GA	Isakson, Johnny	R		X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X
HI	Hirono, Mazie K.	D			X		X	X		X	X		X	X	
HI	Schatz, Brian	D			X		X	X		X			X	X	
ID	Crapo, Mike	R													
ID	Risch, James E.	D													
IL	Durbin, Richard J.	D		X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
IL	Duckworth, Tammy	D													
IN	Donnelly, Joe	D					X			X			X		
IN	Young, Todd	R													
IA	Grassley, Chuck	R													
IA	Ernst, Joni	R					X						X		
KS	Moran, Jerry	R					X								
KS	Roberts, Pat	R								X			X		
KY	McConnell, Mitch	R								X			X		
KY	Paul, Rand	R													
LA	Cassidy, Bill	R													
LA	Kennedy, John Neely	R													
ME	Collins, Susan M.	R		X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X
ME	King, Angus S. Jr.	I			X		X	X		X	X		X	X	
MD	Cardin, Benjamin L.	D	X		X		X	X		X	X		X	X	
MD	Van Hollen, Chris	D													
MA	Markey, Edward J.	D					X							X	
MA	Warren, Elizabeth	D			X		X	X			X		X	X	
MI	Peters, Gary	D											X	X	X

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MI	Stabenow, Debbie	D	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MN	Franken, Al	D	X		X	X	X	X			X		X	X	
MN	Klobuchar, Amy	D		X		X	X		X			X	X	X	X
MS	Cochran, Thad	R		X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X
MS	Wicker, Roger F.	R		X		X	X			X			X		
MO	Blunt, Roy	R					X			X			X		
MO	McCaskill, Claire	D					X								
MT	Daines, Steve	R													
MT	Tester, Jon	D					X							X	
NE	Fischer, Deb	R								X					
NE	Sasse, Ben	R													
NV	Heller, Dean	R											X		
NV	Cortez Masto, Catherine	D													
NH	Shaheen, Jeanne	D	X		X		X	X		X	X		X	X	
NH	Hassan, Maggie	D													
NJ	Booker, Cory A.	D					X						X	X	
NJ	Menendez, Robert	D	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X
NM	Heinrich, Martin	D			X		X	X		X	X		X	X	
NM	Udall, Tom	D	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X	X	X
NY	Gillibrand, Kirsten E.	D	X	X	X	X	X				X		X	X	
NY	Schumer, Charles E.	D	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
NC	Burr, Richard	R								X					
NC	Tillis, Tom	R											X		
ND	Heitkamp, Heidi	D					X			X			X		
ND	Hoeven, John	R					X			X			X		
OH	Brown, Sherrod	D		X		X	X	X				X	X	X	
OH	Portman, Rob	R													
OK	Lankford, James	R											X		
OK	Inhofe, James M.	R											X		
OR	Merkley, Jeff	D	X				X	X							
OR	Wyden, Ron	D	X		X		X	X			X			X	
PA	Casey, Jr., Robert P.	D					X			X			X		
PA	Toomey, Patrick J.	R								X					
RI	Reed, Jack	D		X		X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X
RI	Whitehouse, Sheldon	D	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	
SC	Graham, Lindsey	R					X			X			X		
SC	Scott, Tim	R													
SD	Rounds, Mike	R											X		
SD	Thune, John	R								X					
TN	Alexander, Lamar	R					X			X			X		
TN	Corker, Bob	R											X		
TX	Cornyn, John	R								X			X		
TX	Cruz, Ted	R													

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UT	Hatch, Orrin G.	R		X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X
UT	Lee, Mike	R													
VT	Leahy, Patrick J.	D	X		X		X	X		X	X		X	X	
VT	Sanders, Bernard	I	X		X		X	X			X			X	
VA	Kaine, Tim	D			X		X			X	X		X	X	
VA	Warner, Mark R.	D					X	X		X	X		X		
WA	Cantwell, Maria	D		X		X	X						X	X	
WA	Murray, Patty	D		X		X	X			X		X	X		X
WV	Machin III, Joe	D				X	X	X						X	
WV	Capito, Shelley Moore	R											X		
WI	Baldwin, Tammy	D			X		X	X		X	X		X	X	
WI	Johnson, Ron	R											X		
WY	Barrasso, John	R								X			X		
WY	Enzi, Michael B.	R		Co-chair		Co-chair			Co-chair	X		X			Co-chair

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The Honorable Betty McCollum  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
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Dear Chairman Calvert and Ranking Member McCollum:

We are writing to thank the Subcommittee for its past support of funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), and to respectfully request your support of a funding level of \$155 million in the Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) Interior Appropriations bill.

As you know, NEH is the primary source of federal support for humanities research, teaching, preservation, public programming, and related activities in the U.S. The Endowment provides competitive grant funding for research and scholarship in history, literature, foreign languages, and other fields that provide individuals with critical ethical, cultural, and historical perspective. Additionally, NEH funding allocated through state humanities councils strengthens the cultural infrastructure of local communities in every state and territory across the nation.

Investment in the humanities advances vital U.S. interests by fostering a globally competitive workforce, strengthening civic engagement, preserving our cultural heritage, and protecting our national security. As our world becomes increasingly more interconnected, building a solid foundation in the humanities becomes even more vital to U.S. interests. That's why the majority of our CIA analysts, State Department officials and staff members and diplomats at embassies across the globe are graduates of the humanities – as are leaders ranging from the late Steve Jobs to former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Martin Dempsey!

NEH has been an outstanding steward of the relatively small amount of federal support it receives annually. Between 1965 and 2014, NEH successfully leveraged more than \$4.8 billion in non-federal support (adjusted for inflation). However, current demand for humanities project support far exceeds funding availability and non-federal support for the humanities has declined in recent years, in part due to the current economic downturn. Each year, as billions of dollars are rightfully invested in research and education in science and technology, the relative federal investment in the humanities falls further behind.



We are aware of the many difficult choices your Subcommittee faces in crafting its FY 2017 bill, but we believe that strong federal support for the humanities is needed now more than ever to preserve America's place as a world leader in education and innovation for all fields of learning and help provide our nation's citizenry and workforce with the foundation necessary to tackle the challenges of today's globalized world. We appreciate your past support of NEH and strongly urge your support for this request.

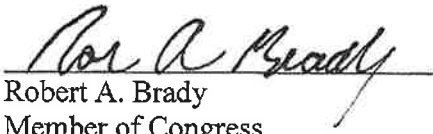
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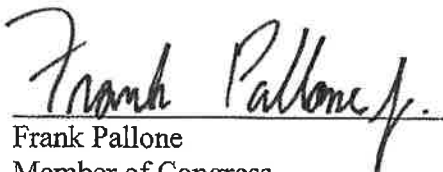
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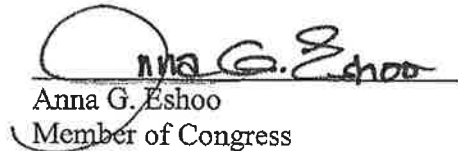
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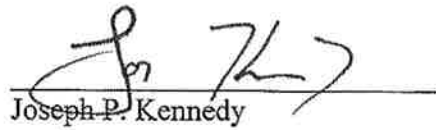
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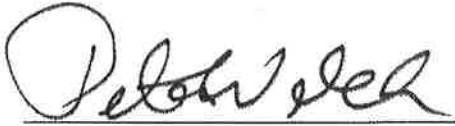
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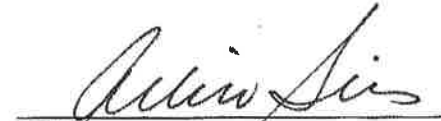
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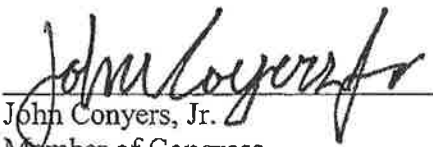
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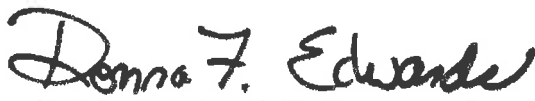
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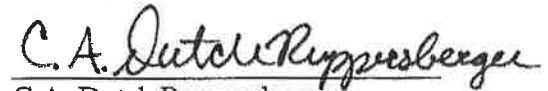
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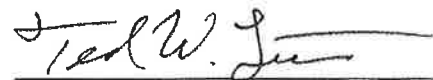
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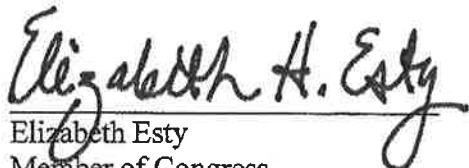
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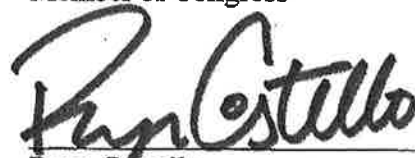
  
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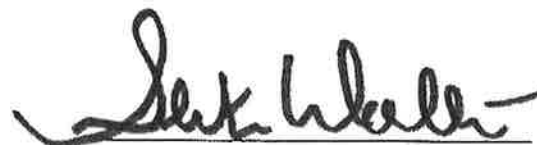
  
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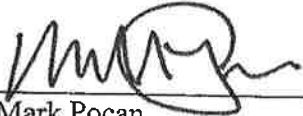
  
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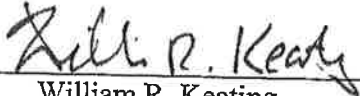
  
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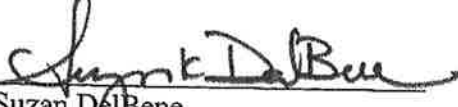
  
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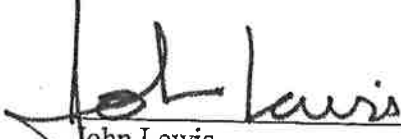
  
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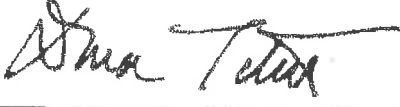
  
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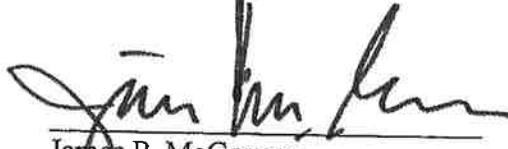
  
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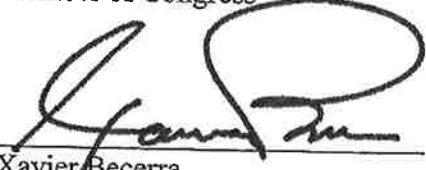
  
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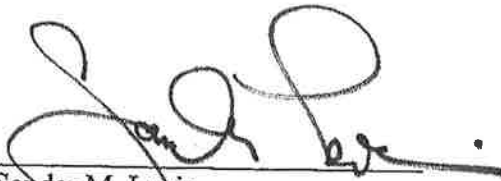
  
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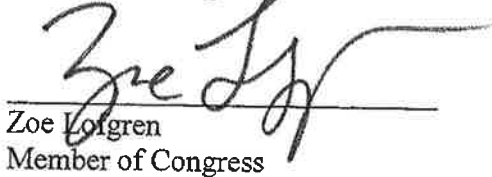
  
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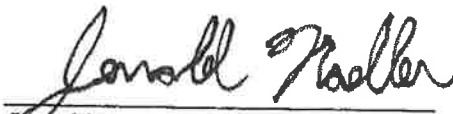
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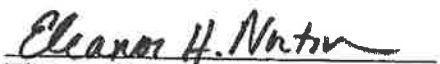
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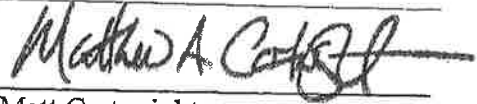
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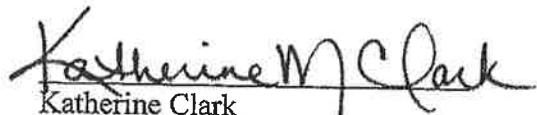
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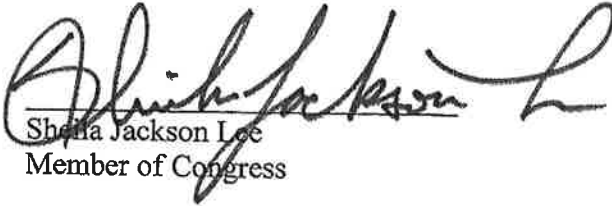
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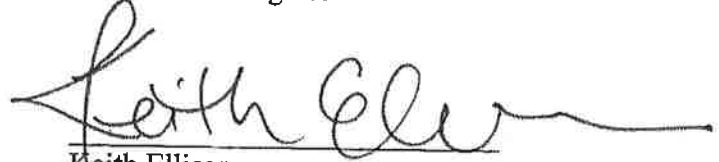
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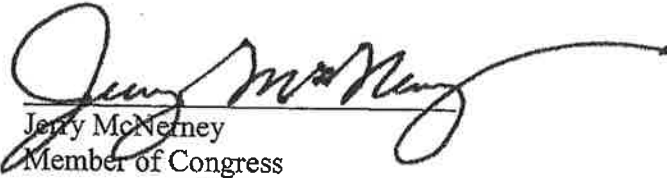
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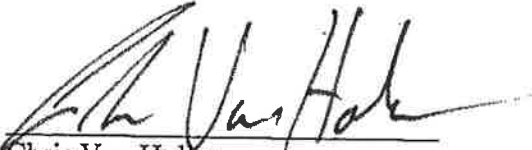
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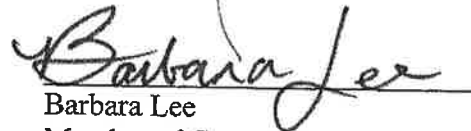
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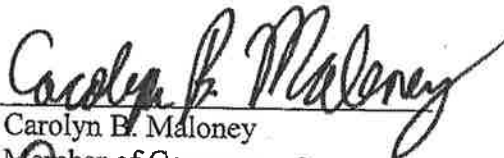
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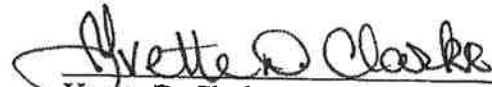
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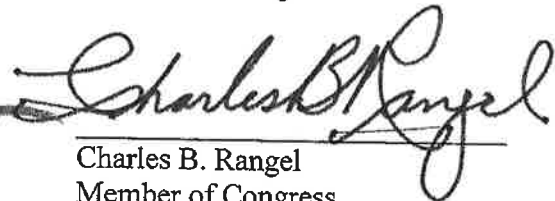
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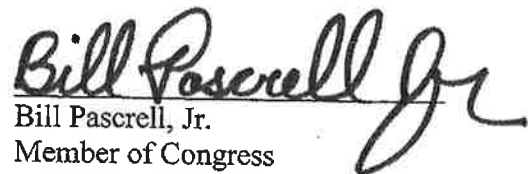
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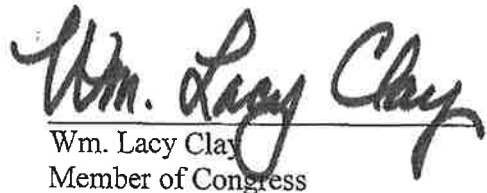
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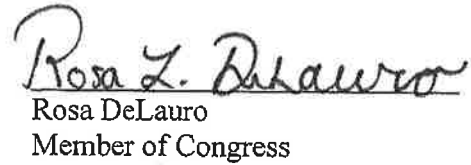
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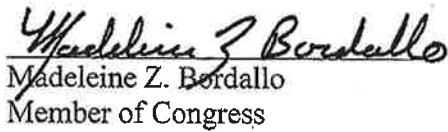
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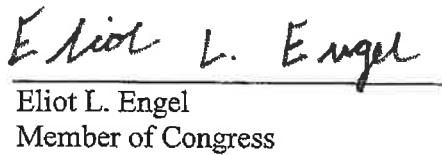
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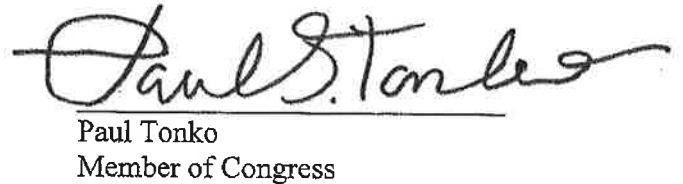
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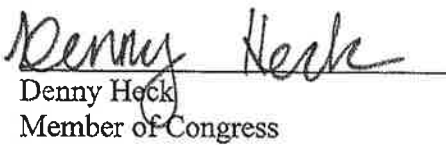
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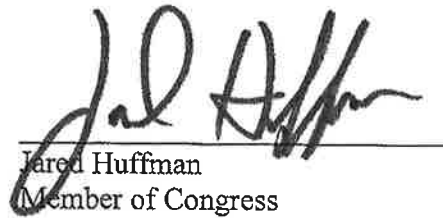
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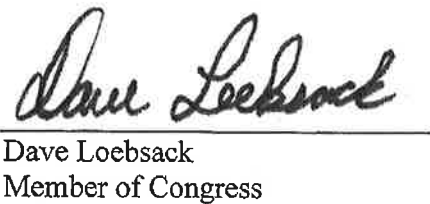
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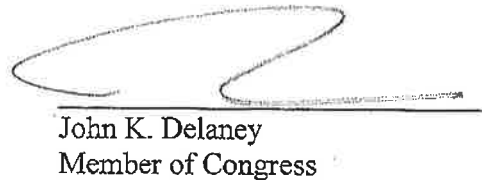
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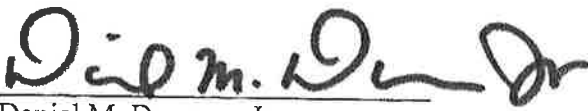
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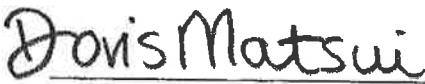



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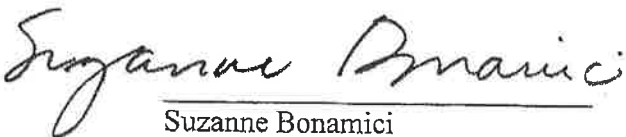
  
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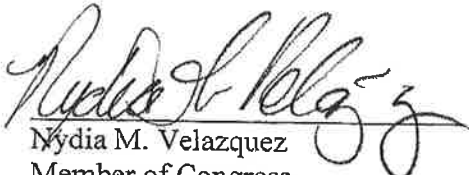
  
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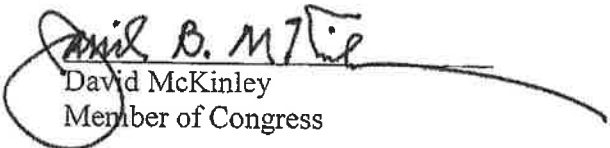
  
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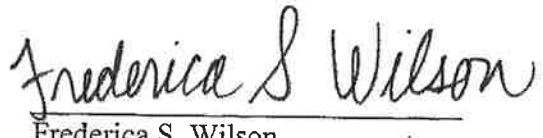
  
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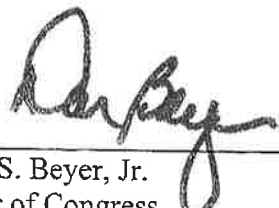
  
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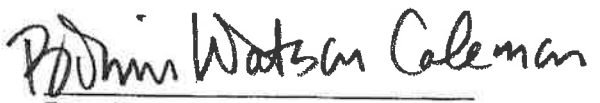
  
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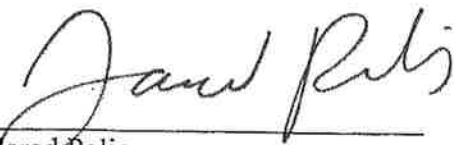
  
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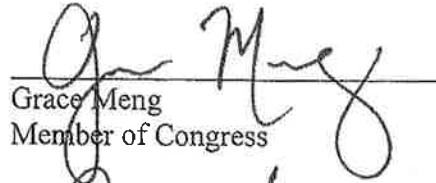
  
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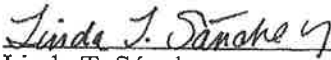




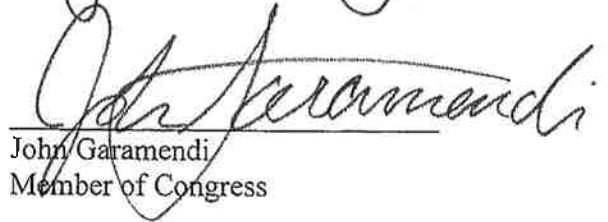
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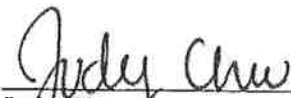
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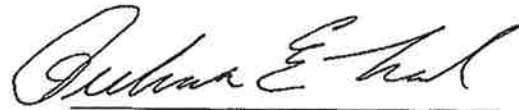
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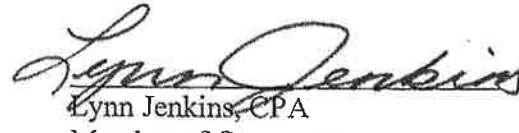
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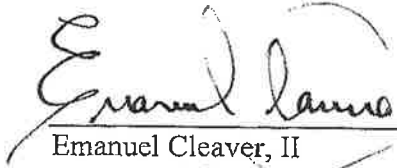
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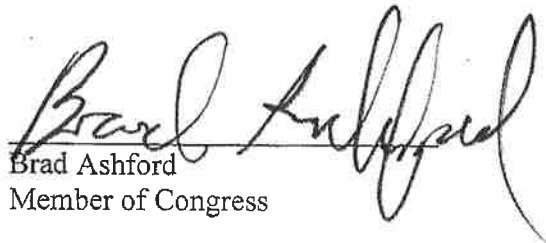
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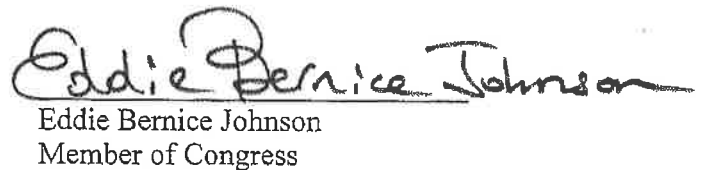
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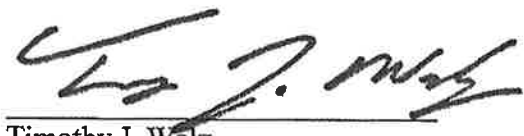
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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 16, 2016

The Honorable Thad Cochran  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Capitol, S-128  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Barbara Mikulski  
Vice Chairwoman  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Capitol, S-128  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Capitol, S-128  
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Dear Chairman Cochran, Vice Chairman Mikulski, and Chairman Murkowski:

We write to express appreciation for your continued support of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), and to urge you to support no less than President Obama's funding request of \$149.8 million. Federal support for the arts and humanities is a vital economic, educational, and cultural priority that impacts many communities across the United States.

For 50 years, the NEA has provided strategic leadership and investment in the arts and has proudly expanded arts activity across the nation with the mission "to bring arts to every American." Every dollar spent on federal arts initiatives leverages more than nine non-federal dollars enriching children and communities through access to the arts that they would otherwise not have.

Federal funding for the NEA acts as seed money that generates massive economic return. They just marked their fiftieth anniversary and continue to reach over 20 million people attending live arts events in-person, impact 16,000 communities engage in NEA-supported projects, and generate more than \$600 million in matching support. The non-profit arts industry generates \$135.2 billion annually in economic activity and supports 4.13 million full-time jobs. The requested funding for FY17 for the NEA will help the endowment maintain its extremely successful programs, including *The Big Read*, *Our Town*, *Challenge America*, *Art Works*, and *Creativity Connects*.

Other partnerships that benefit from funding include Blue Star Families. NEA supports military families through several partnerships: Blue Star Museums offer free admission to active-duty military and their families, Blue Star Theatres offer free and discounted tickets to active-duty military and veterans and their families, along with access to educational programs and special events. Lastly, the NEA Military Healing Arts Partnership was recently expanded. This is a collaboration with the Department of Defense that supports music, writing, and visual arts therapy at military care facilities.

The NEH is the primary source of federal support for humanities research and related activities in the United States and commemorating fifty years of hard work. It provides support for professional development to scholars, educators, curators, librarians, historians, filmmakers, and more. Through the endowment's efforts, our national heritage is preserved, civic institutions are strengthened, and Americans are better prepared to address the challenges in a constantly changing world. In addition to

appropriated funding, the NEH is able to leverage significant, non-federal contributions through competitive grant awards, with direct matching totaling more than \$2 billion over the last few decades.

Federal funding for the NEH includes support for state humanities councils that work in partnership with the endowment to reach millions of Americans each year through teacher institutes, family literacy programs, and thousands of other efforts. With this extensive network of state humanities councils and general NEH programming, the endowment reaches every state and territory across the nation. NEH grants have supported thousands of projects, including *The Civil War*, the landmark documentary by Ken Burns viewed by 38 million Americans, The U.S. Newspaper Project, which catalogued and microfilmed 63 million pages of historic newspapers, and has supported more than 56,000 lectures, discussions, exhibitions and other educational programs each year.

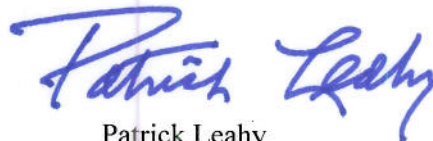
FY17 funding supports the agency's special initiative – *The Common Good: The Humanities in the Public Square*, an agency-wide effort designed to demonstrate the crucial role humanities scholarship can play in our public life. It will include the continuation of *Standing Together*, the Endowment's special programming for veterans and active duty military. Other projects include the NEH Challenge Grants program which helps stimulate and match nonfederal donations in support of humanities institutions and organizations. State and territorial humanities councils will also receive funding to support their operations, projects, and programs.

Thanks to your leadership, the NEA and NEH continue to play a vital role in every state. We urge you to continue to support federal funding of the arts and humanities in FY17 with a funding level of no less than \$149.8 million for each of the endowments in the final appropriations legislation. We appreciate your attention to this vital funding, and look forward to working with you on this and the other important issues facing our nation.

Sincerely,



Tom Udall  
United States Senator



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United States Senator



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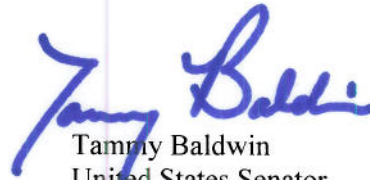
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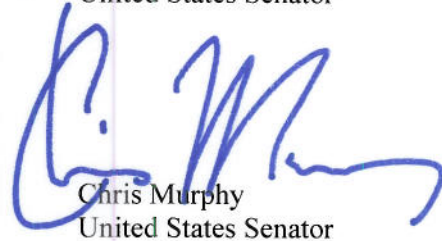
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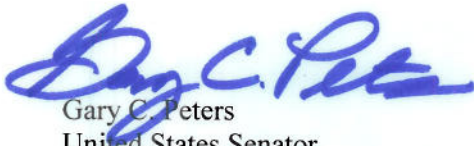
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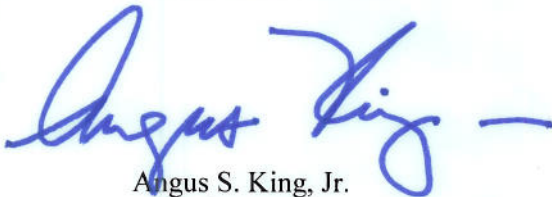
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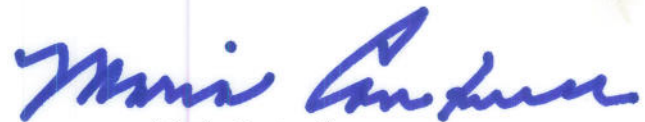
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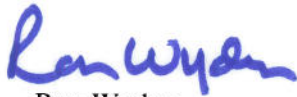
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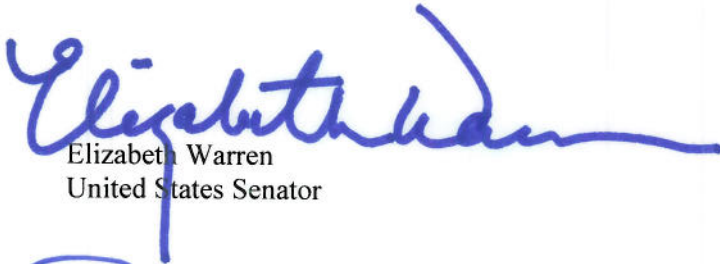
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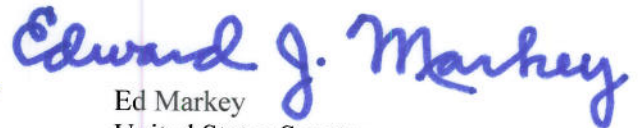
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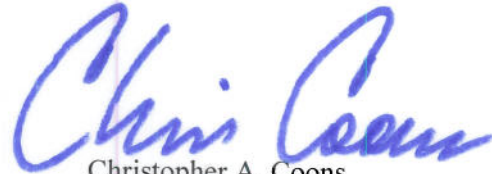
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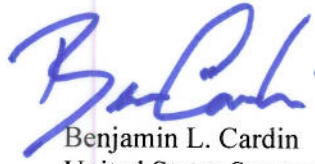
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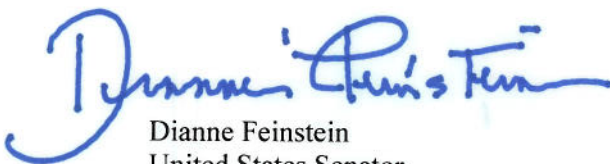
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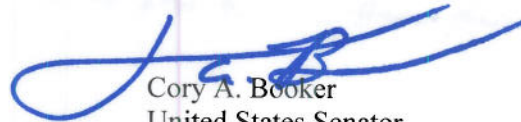
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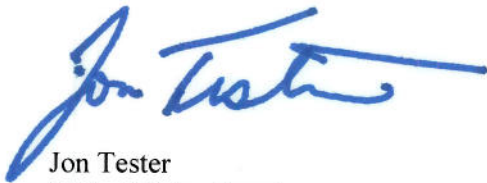
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Position:  Senator  Representative  Aide (list title) \_\_\_\_\_

Party:  Republican  Democrat  Independent

Committee affiliations:

Budget Committee  Appropriations Committee

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Issues discussed:

Council programs  Appropriations  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Response:

Supportive  Unsupportive  Noncommittal

Did the member or aide share any specific issues of concern: \_\_\_\_\_

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Will this member support the funding request?  Yes  No  Undecided

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Your relationship to the council:

Chair  Board member  Executive Director  Council staff

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