


# 2019 ADVOCACY HANDBOOK

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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 2020 APPROPRIATIONS

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Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)

Mark R. Warner (VA)

Jeff Merkley (OR)

Tim Kaine (VA)

Chris Van Hollen (MD)

Kamala Harris (CA)

## 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 Chair of the Congressional Humanities Caucus is 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. The current co-chairs are Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) and Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM).

## HOUSE HUMANITIES CAUCUS (2018)

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### Chair

Rep. David Price (D-NC)

Adams, Alma (D-NC)  
Bishop Jr., Sanford (D-GA)  
Blumenaur, Earl (D-OR)  
Bonamici, Suzanne (D-OR)  
Brooks, Mo (R-AL)  
Brownley, Julia (D-CA)  
Carbajal, Salud (D-CA)  
Carson, Andre (D-IN)  
Clyburn, Jim (D-SC)  
Cohen, Steve (D-TN)  
Cole, Tom (R-OK)  
Cooper, Jim (D-TN)  
Cummings, Elijah (D-MD)  
DeFazio, Peter (D-OR)  
DeLauro, Rosa (D-CT)  
DeSaulnier, Mark (D-CA)  
Doggett, Lloyd (D-TX)  
Eshoo, Anna (D-CA)  
Esty, Elizabeth (D-CT)  
Fortenberry, Jeff (R-NE)  
Garamendi, John (D-CA)  
Gonzalez, Vicente (D-TX)  
Grijalva, Raul (D-AZ)  
Guthrie, Brett (R-KY)  
Hastings, Alcee (D-FL)  
Heck, Denny (D-WA)  
Hill, French (R-AR)  
Johnson, Eddie Bernice (D-TX)  
Johnson, Hank (D-GA)  
Katko, John (R-NY)  
Kind, Ron (D-WI)  
Langevin, James (D-RI)  
Larsen, Rick (D-WA)  
Lewis, John (D-GA)  
Lieu, Ted (D-CA)

Lipinski, Daniel (D-IL)  
Loebsack, Dave (D-IA)  
Lujan, Ben Ray, (D-NM)  
Maloney, Carolyn (D-NY)  
Matsui, Doris (D-CA)  
McCollum, Betty (D-MN)  
McGovern, Jim (D-MA)  
McKinley, David (R-WV)  
Nadler, Jerrold (D-NY)  
Norton, Eleanor Holmes (D-DC)  
Pallone, Frank (D-NJ)  
Pascrell, Bill (D-NJ)  
Payne Jr., Donald (D-NJ)  
Peters, Scott (D-CA)  
Pingree, Chellie (D-ME)  
Raskin, Jamie (D-MD)  
Ruppersberger, Dutch (D-MD)  
Rush, Bobby (D-IL)  
Ryan, Tim (D-OH)  
Sablan, Gregorio Kilili Camacho (D-MP)  
Schakowsky, Jan (D-IL)  
Schiff, Adam (D-CA)  
Scott, Bobby (D-VA)  
Serrano, José E. (D-NY)  
Shea-Porter, Carol (D-NH)  
Sires, Albio (D-NJ)  
Smith, Adam (D-WA)  
Smith, Chris (R-NJ)  
Stivers, Steve (R-OH)  
Takano, Mark (D-CA)  
Thompson, Mike (D-CA)  
Titus, Dina (D-NV)  
Velazquez, Nydia (D-NY)  
Yarmuth, John (D-KY)  
Young, Don (R-AK)

**\*Republican Members are highlighted in grey.**

## SENATE CULTURAL CAUCUS (2018)

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### Co-Chairs

Susan Collins (R-ME)

Tom Udall (D-NM)

Sherrod Brown (D-OH)

Richard Durbin (D-IL)

Mike Enzi (R-WY)

Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)

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)

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## SECTION 3

# FY 2019 BACKGROUND

NEH Funding Chart (FY2015 – Present)

History of NEH/State Humanities Council Funding

House Support Record

Senate Support Record

Dear Colleague Letter (House)

Dear Colleague Letter (Senate)

Congressional Contact Report

**FY 18 Congressional Budget Justification**

(\$ in thousands)

	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2018	FY 2018	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2019	FY 2019	Draft FY 2019
	Appropriation*	Appropriation	Appropriation	Appropriation	Appropriation	Request	House	Senate	Appropriation	Request	House	Senate	Omnibus*
<i>Special Initiatives</i>	6,149	3,494	3,500	5,500	7,230	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Education Programs	12,490	13,237	13,265	13,040	12,000	--	12,000	12,750	12,750	--	12,750	12,750	
Federal/State Partnership	38,320	42,435	42,528	43,040	46,000	--	48,000	46,000	47,200	--	48,730	48,730	48,000
Preservation and Access	14,382	15,426	15,460	15,200	14,385	--	14,400	18,000	19,000	--	19,000	19,000	19,000
Public Programs	12,703	13,654	13,684	13,454	12,730	--	12,730	14,000	14,000	--	14,000	14,000	13,500
Research Programs	13,744	14,752	14,784	14,536	13,755	--	13,780	15,000	15,000	--	15,000	15,000	14,500
Digital Humanities	3,926	4,388	4,400	4,480	4,600	--	4,600	4,600	4,600	--	4,600	4,600	4,600
Program Development	473	499	500	500	500	--	500	850	850	--	850	850	1,200
Subtotal	102,187	107,885	108,121	109,750	111,200	--	106,010	111,200	113,400	--	114,930	114,930	113,050
Challenge Grants	7,920	8,357	8,500	8,500	8,500	--	8,700	8,500	9,100	--	9,100	9,100	11,250
Treasury Matching Funds	2,256	2,381	2,400	2,400	2,200	--	2,300	2,200	2,200	--	2,200	2,200	2,000
Subtotal	10,176	10,738	10,900	10,900	10,700	12,400	11,000	10,700	11,300	13,537	11,300	11,300	13,250
Administration	26,020	27,398	27,000	27,292	27,948	29,907	27,990	27,948	28,148	29,060	28,770	28,770	28,700
Total	138,383	146,021	146,021	147,942	149,848	42,307	145,000	149,848	152,848	42,307	155,000	155,000	155,000

\*Congress appropriated \$146,021,000, which was then reduced by a sequestration totaling \$7,346,000 and an across-the-board rescission of \$292,000



## HISTORY OF NEH APPROPRIATIONS

<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
2017	46.000	150.000
2018	47.200	152.848

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AL	Byrne, Bradley	R	1				X	X					X			X			X
AL	Roby, Martha	R	2	X			X						X			X			
AL	Rogers, Mike	R	3	X												X			X
AL	Aderholt, Robert B.	R	4	X			X			X			X			X			
AL	Brooks, Mo	R	5									X			X			X	X
AL	Palmer, Gary	R	6												X			X	X
AL	Sewell, Terri A.	D	7	X			X			X			X			X	X		
AK	Young, Don	R	At Large	X			X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
AS	Radewagen, Amata	R	At Large																
AZ	O'Halleran, Tom	D	1										X			X			
AZ	Kirkpatrick, Ann (New)	D	2																
AZ	Grijalva, Raúl M.	D	3		X			X	X		X	X		X	X		X		
AZ	Gosar, Paul A.	R	4																X
AZ	Biggs, Andy	R	5																X
AZ	Schweikert, David	R	6																X
AZ	Gallego, Ruben	D	7								X							X	
AZ	Lesko, Debbie (New)	R	8																X
AZ	Stanton, Greg (New)	D	9																
AR	Crawford, Eric A. "Rick"	R	1										X			X			
AR	Hill, French	R	2							X		X	X		X	X		X	
AR	Womack, Steve	R	3	X			X			X			X			X			
AR	Westerman, Bruce	R	4																X
CA	LaMalfa, Doug	R	1										X						X
CA	Huffman, Jared	D	2	X	X			X		X	X		X				X		
CA	Garamendi, John	D	3	X			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
CA	McClintock, Tom	R	4																X
CA	Thompson, Mike	D	5	X		X			X	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			X			X			
CA	Cook, Paul	R	8							X			X			X			
CA	McNerney, Jerry	D	9	X	X			X		X	X		X	X					
CA	Harder, Josh (New)	D																	
CA	DeSaulnier, Mark	D	11					X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	
CA	Pelosi, Nancy	D	12	X						X			X			X			
CA	Lee, Barbara	D	13	X	X					X	X		X	X			X		
CA	Speier, Jackie	D	14	X	X			X		X							X		
CA	Swalwell, Eric	D	15	X						X			X						
CA	Costa, Jim	D	16	X	X		X			X	X		X			X	X		
CA	Khanna, Ro	D	17										X				X		
CA	Eshoo, Anna G.	D	18	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
CA	Lofgren, Zoe	D	19	X	X			X			X		X	X			X		
CA	Panetta, Jimmy	D	20										X				X		
CA	Cox, TJ (New)	D	21																
CA	Nunes, Devin	R	22	X			X			X			X			X			X
CA	McCarthy, Kevin	R	23	X			X			X			X			X			X
CA	Carbajal, Salud	D	24										X			X	X	X	
CA	Hill, Katie (New)	D	25																
CA	Brownley, Julia	D	26	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
CA	Chu, Judy	D	27	X						X	X		X				X		
CA	Schiff, Adam B.	D	28	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
CA	Cardenas, Tony	D	29	X						X									
CA	Sherman, Brad	D	30	X			X			X			X			X			
CA	Aguilar, Pete	D	31							X			X						
CA	Napolitano, Grace F.	D	32	X						X			X						
CA	Lieu, Ted	D	33						X		X	X			X		X	X	
CA	Gomez, Jimmy	D	34	X	X	X		X	X		X						X		
CA	Torres, Norma	D	35							X									
CA	Ruiz, Raul	D	36	X	X		X	X		X	X		X			X	X		
CA	Bass, Karen	D	37	X			X			X			X						
CA	Sánchez, Linda T.	D	38	X				X		X	X		X				X		
CA	Cisneros, Gilbert Ray Jr. (New)	D	39																

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CA	Roybal-Allard, Lucille	D	40	X						X			X						
CA	Takano, Mark	D	41	X	X			X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
CA	Calvert, Ken	R	42	X			X			X			X			X			
CA	Waters, Maxine	D	43	X									X			X	X		
CA	Barragan, Nanette	D	44														X		
CA	Porter, Katie (New)	D	45																
CA	Correa, Luis	D	46																
CA	Lowenthal, Alan	D	47	X						X			X						
CA	Rouda, Harley (New)	D	48																
CA	Levin,Mike (New)	D	49																
CA	Hunter, Duncan	R	50	X			X									X			X
CA	Vargas, Juan	D	51	X						X									
CA	Peters, Scott	D	52	X	X		X			X	X		X			X	X		
CA	Davis, Susan A.	D	53	X			X	X		X			X			X	X		
CO	DeGette, Diana	D	1	X	X			X		X	X		X	X			X		
CO	Neguse, Joe (New)	D	2																
CO	Tipton, Scott R.	R	3				X									X	X		
CO	Buck, Ken	R	4																X
CO	Lamborn, Doug	R	5													X			X
CO	Crow, Jason (New)	D	6																
CO	Perlmutter, Ed	D	7	X	X		X	X		X	X		X			X	X		
CT	Larson, John B.	D	1	X				X		X	X		X			X	X		
CT	Courtney, Joe	D	2	X	X			X		X			X			X	X		
CT	DeLauro, Rosa L.	D	3	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
CT	Himes, James A.	D	4	X						X			X			X	X		
CT	Hayes, Jahana (New)	D	5																
DC	Norton, Eleanor Holmes	D	At Large								X	X		X	X		X	X	
DE	Blunt Rochester, Lisa	D	At Large										X			X			
FL	Gaetz, Matt	R	1																
FL	Dunn, Neal	R	2										X			X			X
FL	Yoho, Ted	R	3	X			X												X
FL	Rutherford, John	R	4										X			X			
FL	Lawson, Al	D	5										X			X			
FL	Waltz, Michael (New)	R	6										X						
FL	Murphy, Stephanie	D	7										X			X	X		
FL	Posey, Bill	R	8																X
FL	Soto, Darren	D	9										X	X			X		
FL	Demings, Val	D	10										X			X			
FL	Webster, Daniel	R	11																X
FL	Bilirakis, Gus M.	R	12	X			X			X						X			
FL	Crist, Charlie	D	13										X			X	X		
FL	Castor, Kelly	D	14							X	X		X	X		X	X		
FL	Spano, Ross (New)	R	15																
FL	Buchanan, Vern	R	16										X			X			
FL	Steube, W. Gregory (New)	R	17																
FL	Mast, Brian	R	18										X						
FL	Rooney, Francis	R	19													X			X
FL	Hastings, Alcee L.	D	20	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
FL	Frankel, Lois	D	21								X		X			X	X		
FL	Deutch, Ted	D	22								X		X	X		X	X		
FL	Wasserman Schultz, Debbie	D	23	X	X		X			X			X			X			
FL	Wilson, Frederica S.	D	24	X						X	X		X			X	X		
FL	Diaz-Balart, Mario	R	25	X			X			X			X			X			
FL	Mucarsel-Powell, Debbie (N)	D	26																
FL	Shalala, Donna E. (New)	D	27																
GA	Carter, Buddy	R	1				X			X			X			X			X
GA	Bishop, Sanford D. Jr.	D	2	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	
GA	Ferguson, Drew	R	3													X			X
GA	Johnson, Henry C. "Hank" Jr.	D	4	X	X	X			X			X	X	X	X			X	
GA	Lewis, John	D	5	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
GA	McBath, Lucy (New)	D	6																

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GA	Woodall, Rob	R	7	X			X			X			X			X			X
GA	Scott, Austin	R	8							X			X			X			X
GA	Collins, Doug	R	9	X			X			X			X			X			
GA	Hice, Jody	R	10																X
GA	Loudermilk, Barry	R	11							X									X
GA	Allen, Rick	R	12							X			X						X
GA	Scott, David	D	13	X			X			X			X	X		X	X		
GA	Graves, Tom	R	14	X			X			X			X			X			X
GU	San Nicolas, Michael F.Q. (N)	D	At Large																
HI	Case, Ed (New)	D	1																
HI	Gabbard, Tulsi	D	2		X			X		X	X		X			X	X		
ID	Fulcher, Russ (New)	R	1																
ID	Simpson, Michael K.	R	2	X			X			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	X		X	X			X	X		
IL	Lipinski, Daniel	D	3	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	
IL	Garcia, Jesus "Chuy" (New)	D	4																
IL	Quigley, Mike	D	5	X			X			X			X			X			
IL	Casten, Sean (New)	D	6																
IL	Davis, Danny K.	D	7	X	X			X		X	X		X	X			X		
IL	Krishnamoorthi, Raja	D	8										X			X	X		
IL	Schakowsky, Janice D.	D	9	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	
IL	Schneider, Brad	D	10										X			X	X		
IL	Foster, Bill	D	11	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		
IL	Bost, Mike	R	12							X			X			X			
IL	Davis, Rodney	R	13	X			X			X			X			X			
IL	Underwood, Lauren (New)	D	14																
IL	Shimkus, John	R	15	X			X			X			X			X			
IL	Kinzinger, Adam	R	16	X			X			X			X			X			
IL	Bustos, Cheri	D	17	X	X		X	X		X	X		X			X			
IL	LaHood, Darin	R	18																
IN	Visclosky, Peter J.	D	1	X						X			X			X			
IN	Walorski, Jackie	R	2	X			X			X			X			X			
IN	Banks, Jim	R	3													X			X
IN	Baird, James (New)	R	4																
IN	Brooks, Susan W.	R	5	X			X						X			X			
IN	Pence, Greg	R	6																
IN	Carson, André	D	7	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
IN	Bucshon, Larry	R	8	X			X			X			X			X			
IN	Hollingsworth, Trey	R	9																
IA	Finkenauer, Abby (New)	D	1																
IA	Loeb sack, David	D	2	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
IA	Axne, Cynthia (New)	D	3																
IA	King, Steve	R	4																X
KS	Marshall, Roger	R	1													X			
KS	Watkins, Steven (New)	R	2																
KS	Davids, Sharice (New)	R	3																
KS	Estes, Ron	R	4													X			X
KY	Comer, James	R	1										X						X
KY	Guthrie, Brett	R	2	X		X	X			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	X	
KY	Massie, Thomas	R	4																X
KY	Rogers, Harold	R	5	X			X			X			X			X			
KY	Barr, Andy	R	6	X			X			X			X			X			X
LA	Scalise, Steve	R	1				X			X			X			X			
LA	Richmond, Cedric L.	D	2	X			X			X			X			X			
LA	Higgins, Clay	R	3										X						X
LA	Johnson, Mike	R	4																X
LA	Abraham, Ralph	R	5	X															X
LA	Graves, Garret	R	6	X			X												X
ME	Pingree, Chellie	D	1	X		X			X	X		X	X		X			X	

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ME	Golden, Jared (New)	D	2																
MD	Harris, Andy	R	1	X			X												X
MD	Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch	D	2	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
MD	Sarbanes, John P.	D	3	X	X			X		X	X		X	X		X	X		
MD	Brown, Anthony G.	D	4										X			X	X		
MD	Hoyer, Steny H.	D	5	X			X			X			X						
MD	Trone, David (New)	D	6																
MD	Cummings, Elijah E.	D	7	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	
MD	Raskin, Jamie	D	8										X				X	X	
MA	Neal, Richard E.	D	1	X	X			X		X	X		X	X		X	X		
MA	McGovern, James P.	D	2	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
MA	Trahan, Lori (New)	D	3																
MA	Kennedy III, Joseph P.	D	4	X	X			X			X		X	X			X		
MA	Clark, Katherine	D	5	X	X			X			X		X						
MA	Moulton, Seth	D	6							X	X		X	X			X	X	
MA	Pressley, Ayanna (New)	D	7																
MA	Lynch, Stephen F.	D	8	X	X			X		X			X			X	X		
MA	Keating, William R.	D	9	X	X			X		X	X		X	X		X	X		
MI	Bergman, Jack	R	1										X						
MI	Huizenga, Bill	R	2	X			X			X			X			X			X
MI	Amash, Justin	R	3																X
MI	Moolenaar, John	R	4							X			X			X			
MI	Kildee, Daniel	D	5	X	X	X		X			X		X	X		X	X		
MI	Upton, Fred	R	6	X			X			X			X			X			
MI	Walberg, Tim	R	7	X			X			X			X			X			X
MI	Slotkin, Elissa (New)	D	8																
MI	Levin, Andy (New)	D	9										X			X			
MI	Mitchell, Paul	R	10										X			X			
MI	Stevens, Haley (New)	R	11																
MI	Dingell, Debbie	D	12							X	X		X			X	X		
MI	Tlaib, Rashida (New)	D	13																
MI	Lawrence, Brenda	D	14							X			X			X	X		
MN	Hagedorn, Jim (New)	R	1																
MN	Craig, Angie (New)	D	2																
MN	Phillips, Dean (New)	D	3																
MN	McCollum, Betty	D	4	X		X			X	X		X	X		X	X		X	
MN	Omar, Ihan (New)	D	5																
MN	Emmer, Tom	R	6																X
MN	Peterson, Collin C.	D	7	X	X			X		X	X						X		
MN	Stauber, Pete	R	8																
MS	Kelly, Trent	R	1							X									X
MS	Thompson, Bennie G.	D	2	X									X			X			
MS	Guest, Michael (New)	R	3																
MS	Palazzo, Steven M.	R	4	X			X			X			X			X			
MO	Clay, Wm. Lacy	D	1	X			X			X	X		X	X		X			
MO	Wagner, Ann	R	2	X			X			X						X			
MO	Luetkemeyer, Blaine	R	3	X			X			X			X			X			X
MO	Hartzler, Vicky	R	4	X			X			X			X			X			X
MO	Cleaver, Emanuel	D	5		X					X	X		X	X		X	X		
MO	Graves, Sam	R	6	X			X			X			X			X			X
MO	Long, Billy	R	7				X												
MO	Smith, Jason	R	8				X												X
MP	Sablan, Gregorio Kilili Camacho	D	At Large									X			X				
MT	Gianforte, Greg	R	At Large							X									
NE	Fortenberry, Jeff	R	1	X		X	X		X			X			X	X		X	
NE	Bacon, Don	R	2										X			X			
NE	Smith, Adrian	R	3				X						X			X			X
NV	Titus, Dina	D	1	X	X			X		X	X	X	X		X		X	X	
NV	Amodei, Mark	R	2	X			X						X			X			
NV	Lee, Susie (New)	D	3																
NV	Horsford, Steven (New)	D	4																

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NH	Pappas, Chris (New)	D	1																
NH	Kuster, Ann McLane	D	2	X	X		X	X		X	X		X			X	X		
NJ	Norcross, Donald	D	1							X	X		X				X		
NJ	Van Drew, Jefferson (New)	D	2																
NJ	Kim, Andy (New)	D	3																
NJ	Smith, Christopher H.	R	4	X			X			X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
NJ	Gottheimer, Josh	D	5										X			X	X		
NJ	Pallone, Frank Jr.	D	6	X						X	X		X				X		
NJ	Malinowski, Tom (New)	D	7																
NJ	Sires, Albio	D	8	X	X					X	X		X	X		X	X		
NJ	Pascrell, Bill Jr.	D	9	X	X	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	X	X	X	
NJ	Sherrill, Mikie (New)	D	11																
NJ	Watson Coleman, Bonnie	D	12							X	X		X				X		
NM	Haaland, Debra (New)	D	1																
NM	Torres Small, Xochitl (New)	D	2																
NM	Luján, Ben Ray	D	3	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
NY	Zeldin, Lee	R	1							X			X						
NY	King, Peter T.	R	2	X						X			X			X			
NY	Suozzi, Thomas	D	3										X				X		
NY	Rice, Kathleen	D	4							X	X		X	X		X	X		
NY	Meeks, Gregory W.	D	5	X			X	X		X	X		X			X			
NY	Meng, Grace	D	6	X	X			X		X	X		X			X			
NY	Velázquez, Nydia M.	D	7	X						X	X		X						
NY	Jeffries, Hakeem	D	8	X						X			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	X	X	
NY	Rose, Max (New)	D	11																
NY	Maloney, Carolyn B.	D	12	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
NY	Espaillet, Adriano	D	13														X		
NY	Ocasio-Cortez Alexandria (N)	D	14																
NY	Serrano, José E.	D	15	X		X			X	X		X	X		X			X	
NY	Engel, Eliot L.	D	16	X	X			X		X	X		X	X			X		
NY	Lowe, Nita M.	D	17	X			X			X			X			X			
NY	Maloney, Sean Patrick	D	18	X			X	X		X	X		X				X		
NY	Delgado, Antonio (New)	D	19																
NY	Tonko, Paul	D	20	X	X			X		X	X		X	X		X	X		
NY	Stefanik, Elise	R	21							X			X			X	X		
NY	Brindisi, Anthony (New)	D	22																
NY	Reed, Tom	R	23	X			X			X			X						
NY	Katko, John	R	24							X			X			X	X	X	
NY	Morelle, Joseph (New)	D	25																
NY	Higgins, Brian	D	26	X						X	X		X			X	X		
NY	Collins, Chris	R	27	X			X			X			X			X			
NC	Butterfield, G. K.	D	1	X	X			X		X	X		X	X		X	X		

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NC	Holding, George	R	2																X
NC	Jones, Walter B.	R	3																X
NC	Price, David E.	D	4	X	X	Co-chair	X	X	X	X	X	Co-chair	X		Co-chair	X	X	X	
NC	Foxx, Virginia	R	5	X			X			X						X			X
NC	Walker, Mark	R	6				X												X
NC	Rouzer, David	R	7							X									X
NC	Hudson, Richard	R	8	X			X									X			X
NC	Pittenger, Robert	R	9	X						X									
NC	McHenry, Patrick T.	R	10	X			X			X			X			X			X
NC	Meadows, Mark	R	11																X
NC	Adams, Alma	D	12							X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
NC	Budd, Ted	R	13																X
ND	Armstrong, Kelly (New)	R	At Large	X															
OH	Chabot, Steve	R	1				X			X						X			X
OH	Wenstrup, Brad	R	2				X			X						X			X
OH	Beatty, Joyce	D	3	X	X			X		X	X		X			X	X		
OH	Jordan, Jim	R	4																X
OH	Latta, Robert E.	R	5	X			X												X
OH	Johnson, Bill	R	6	X				X		X			X			X			
OH	Gibbs, Bob	R	7	X			X									X			X
OH	Davidson, Warren	R	8																X
OH	Kaptur, Marcy	D	9	X			X			X			X			X			
OH	Turner, Michael R.	R	10	X			X			X			X	X		X	X		
OH	Fudge, Marcia L.	D	11	X						X			X			X	X		
OH	Balderson, Troy (New)	R	12																
OH	Ryan, Tim	D	13	X		X			X	X		X	X		X	X		X	
OH	Joyce, David	R	14	X			X			X			X			X			
OH	Stivers, Steve	R	15	X			X			X		X	X		X	X	X	X	
OH	Gonzalez, Anthony (New)	R	16																
OK	Hern, Kevin (New)	R	1																
OK	Mullin, Markwayne	R	2							X									X
OK	Lucas, Frank D.	R	3	X			X			X			X			X			
OK	Cole, Tom	R	4	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	
OK	Horn, Kendra (New)	D	5																
OR	Bonamici, Suzanne	D	1	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
OR	Walden, Greg	R	2	X			X	X		X			X			X			
OR	Blumenauer, Earl	D	3	X	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	X	X	
OR	Schrader, Kurt	D	5	X	X								X			X			
PA	Fitzpatrick, Brian (New)	R	1										X			X	X		
PA	Boyle, Brendan (New)	D	2										X				X		
PA	Evans, Dwight (New)	D	3										X			X	X		
PA	Dean, Madeleine (New)	D	4																
PA	Scanlon, Mary Gay (New)	D	5																
PA	Houlahan, Chrissy (New)	R	6																
PA	Wild, Susan (New)	D	7																
PA	Cartwright, Matt (New)	D	8										X			X			
PA	Meuser, Daniel (New)	R	9																

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PA	Perry, Scott (New)	R	10																X
PA	Smucker, Lloyd (New)	R	11										X						X
PA	Marino, Tom (New)	R	12										X			X			
PA	Joyce, John (New)	R	13																
PA	Reschenthaler, Guy (New)	R	14																
PA	Thompson, Glenn (New)	R	15										X			X			
PA	Kelly, Mike (New)	R	16										X						
PA	Lamb, Conor (New)	D	17																
PA	Doyle, Michael (New)	D	18										X			X	X		
RI	Cicilline, David N.	D	1	X	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	X	X	
SC	Cunningham, Joe (New)	D	1																
SC	Wilson, Joe	R	2	X						X			X			X			X
SC	Duncan, Jeff	R	3							X									X
SC	Timmons, William (New)	R	4																
SC	Norman, Ralph	R	5	X															X
SC	Clyburn, James E.	D	6	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	
SC	Rice, Tom	R	7	X						X			X						X
SD	Johnson, Dusty (New)	R	At Large																
TN	Roe, Phil	R	1	X			X									X			X
TN	Duncan, John J. Jr. "Jimmy"	R	2																
TN	Fleischmann, Charles J.	R	3	X			X			X			X			X			
TN	DesJarlais, Scott	R	4																X
TN	Cooper, Jim	D	5	X		X			X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	
TN	Rose, John W. (New)	R	6																
TN	Green, Mark (New)	R	7													X			
TN	Kustoff, David	R	8													X			X
TN	Cohen, Steve	D	9	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	
TX	Gohmert, Louie	R	1																
TX	Crenshaw, Dan (New)	R	2																
TX	Taylor, Van (New)	R	3										X			X			
TX	Ratcliffe, John	R	4																
TX	Gooden, Lance (New)	R	5																
TX	Wright, Ron (New)	R	6																
TX	Fletcher, Lizzie (New)	D	7																
TX	Brady, Kevin	R	8	X			X			X			X			X			X
TX	Green, Al	D	9	X						X			X						
TX	McCaul, Michael T.	R	10	X			X			X			X			X			
TX	Conaway, K. Michael	R	11	X						X			X			X			
TX	Granger, Kay	R	12	X			X			X			X			X			
TX	Thornberry, Mac	R	13	X			X			X			X			X			
TX	Weber, Randy	R	14							X									
TX	Gonzalez, Vicente	D	15										X				X		X
TX	Escobar, Veronica (New)	D	16																
TX	Flores, Bill	R	17	X						X			X			X			X
TX	Jackson Lee, Sheila	D	18	X	X			X		X	X		X	X			X		
TX	Arrington, Jodey	R	19													X			X
TX	Castro, Joaquin	D	20	X						X									



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TX	Roy, Chip (New)	R	21																
TX	Olson, Pete	R	22	X						X						X			
TX	Hurd, Will	R	23										X			X			
TX	Marchant, Kenny	R	24							X						X			X
TX	Williams, Roger	R	25																
TX	Burgess, Michael C.	R	26							X			X			X			X
TX	Cloud, Michael (New)	R	27																X
TX	Cuellar, Henry	D	28	X			X						X			X			
TX	Garcia, Sylvia (New)	D	29																
TX	Johnson, Eddie Bernice	D	30	X							X		X			X	X	X	
TX	Carter, John R.	R	31	X			X			X			X			X			
TX	Allred, Colin (New)	D	32																
TX	Veasey, Marc	D	33	X						X	X		X	X			X		
TX	Vela, Filemon (New)	D	34														X		
TX	Doggett, Lloyd	D	35	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
TX	Babin, Brian	R	36																X
UT	Bishop, Rob	R	1	X			X			X									X
UT	Stewart, Chris	R	2	X			X			X									
UT	Curtis, John R.	R	3																X
UT	McAdams, Ben (New)	D	4																
VT	Welch, Peter	D	At Large	X	X			X			X		X			X	X		
VA	Wittman, Robert J.	R	1	X												X			X
VA	Luria, Elaine (New)	D	2																
VA	Scott, Robert C. "Bobby"	D	3	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
VA	McEachin, Donald	R	4										X			X	X		
VA	Riggleman, Denver (New)	R	5																
VA	Cline, Ben (New)	R	6																
VA	Spanberger, Abigail (New)	R	7																
VA	Beyer, Don	D	8							X	X		X	X		X	X		
VA	Griffith, H. Morgan	R	9	X															X
VA	Wexton, Jennifer (New)	D	10																
VA	Connolly, Gerald E.	D	11	X	X		X	X		X			X	X		X	X		
WA	DelBene, Suzan	D	1	X	X			X		X	X		X	X		X	X		
WA	Larsen, Rick	D	2	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
WA	Herrera Beutler, Jaime	R	3	X			X			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			X			X			
WA	Jayapal, Pramila	D	7										X				X		
WA	Schrier, Kim (New)	D	8																
WA	Smith, Adam	D	9	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	
WA	Heck, Denny	D	10	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
WV	McKinley, David	R	1	X	X	X			X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
WV	Mooney, Alex	R	2										X						X
WV	Miller, Carol (New)	R	3																
WI	Steil, Bryan (New)	R	1																
WI	Pocan, Mark	D	2	X	X			X			X		X	X					
WI	Kind, Ron	D	3	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	

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WI	Moore, Gwen	D	4	X						X			X						
WI	Sensenbrenner, F. James Jr.	R	5							X									X
WI	Grothman, Glenn	R	6							X									X
WI	Duffy, Sean P.	R	7	X			X			X						X			
WI	Gallagher, Mike	R	8													X			X
WY	Cheney, Liz	R	At Large													X			

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AL	Doug Jones	D													X		
AL	Shelby, Richard C.	R	X									X			X		
AK	Sullivan, Dan	R										X					
AK	Murkowski, Lisa	R	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X
AR	Boozman, John	R	X			X						X			X		
AR	Cotton, Tom	R															
AZ	McSally, Martha (New)	R															
AZ	Sinema, Kyrsten (New)	D															
CA	Feinstein, Dianne	D	X					X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X
CA	Harris, Kamala	D										X		X		X	
CO	Bennet, Michael F.	D	X	X		X			X			X	X	X	X	X	
CO	Gardner, Cory	D							X			X					
CT	Blumenthal, Richard	D	X				X		X			X	X	X	X	X	
CT	Murphy, Christopher	D	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
DE	Carper, Thomas R.	D	X			X			X			X	X		X	X	
DE	Coons, Christopher A.	D	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	
FL	Rubio, Marco	R										X			X		
FL	Scott, Rick (New)	R															
GA	Perdue, David	R							X			X					
GA	Isakson, Johnny	R	X		X	X		X	X		X			X	X		X
HI	Hirono, Mazie K.	D	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
HI	Schatz, Brian	D	X	X		X			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
ID	Crapo, Mike	R															
ID	Risch, James E.	D															
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WV	Manchin III, Joe	D	X	X						X		X	X	X	X	X	
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WI	Johnson, Ron	R							X			X					
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WY	Enzi, Michael B.	R			Co-Chair	X		X			Co-Chair	X		X			X

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 16, 2018

The Honorable Ken Calvert  
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Interior, Environment & Related Agencies  
B-308 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Betty McCollum  
Ranking Member  
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2256 Rayburn House Office Building  
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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 respectfully request your support of a funding level of at least \$155 million in the Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) Interior Appropriations bill.

As you know, NEH is the main source of federal support for humanities research, teaching, preservation, public programming, and related activities in the U.S., providing competitive grant funding for research and scholarship in history, literature, foreign languages, and other fields that empower individuals with critical perspective and knowledge. Furthermore, NEH funding allocated through state humanities councils strengthens the cultural infrastructure of local communities in every state and territory throughout the nation.

Additionally, investment in the humanities advances vital national 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 critical, which is 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 excellent steward of its annual federal appropriation, successfully leveraging more than \$4.8 billion in non-federal support (adjusted for inflation) between 1965 and 2014. NEH has also shown an ability to rapidly respond to conditions on the ground, providing \$1 million in emergency grants to assist local organizations in stabilizing and recovering historical collections following the devastation from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. Currently, demand for humanities project support far exceeds funding availability, and non-federal support for the humanities has declined in recent years. As billions of dollars are rightfully invested in research, education, science, and technology, we must continue to prioritize robust federal investment in the humanities.

We understand the many difficult choices your Subcommittee faces in constructing its FY 2019 bill, but we believe that strong federal investments in the humanities are crucial for preserving America's place as a world leader in education and innovation as well as 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.

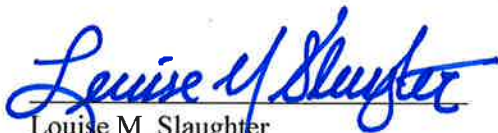
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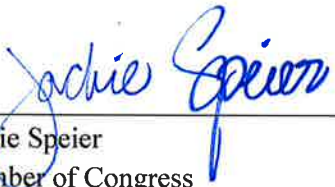
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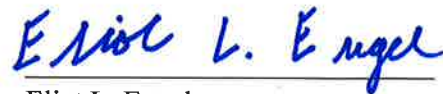
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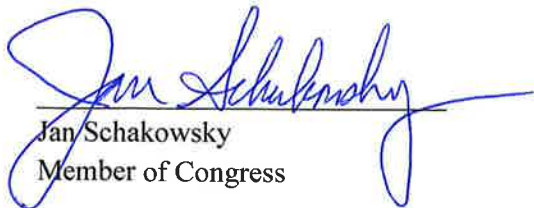
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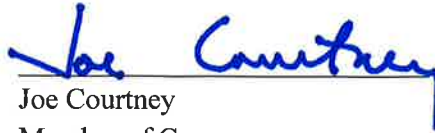


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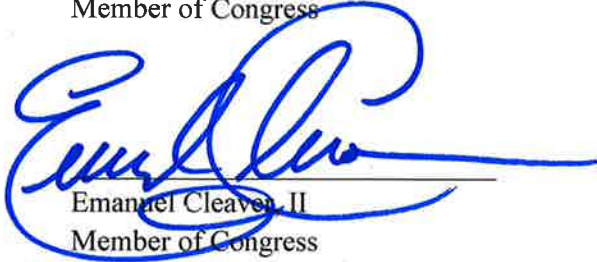
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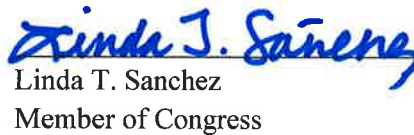
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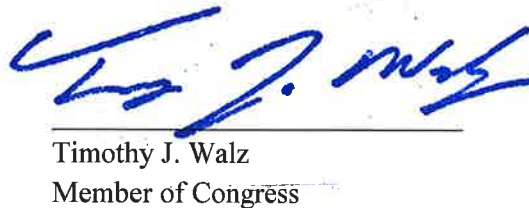
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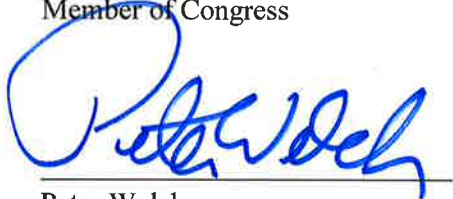
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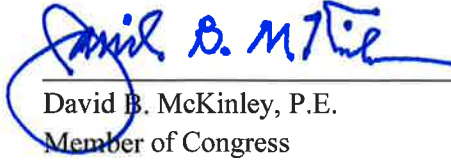
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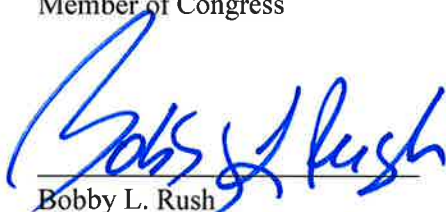
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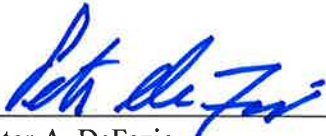
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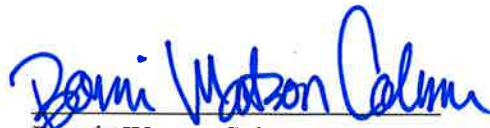
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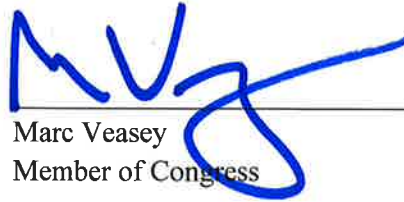
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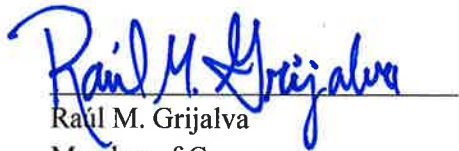
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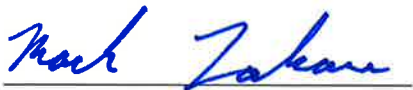
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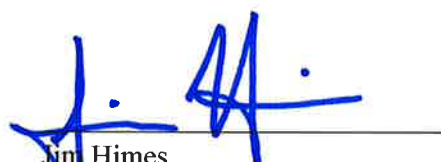
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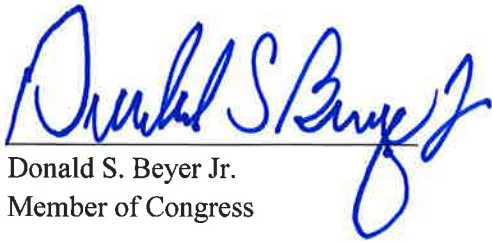
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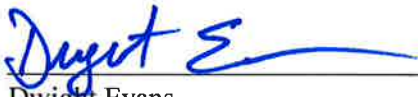
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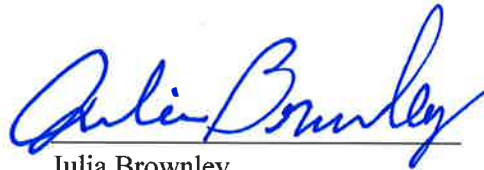
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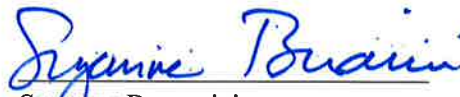
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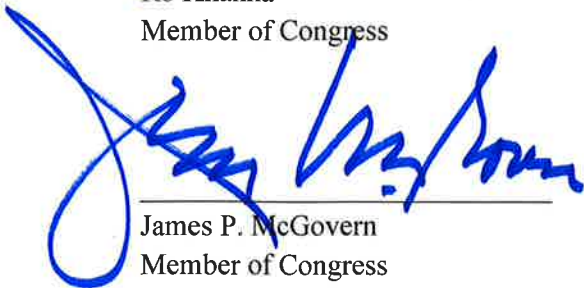
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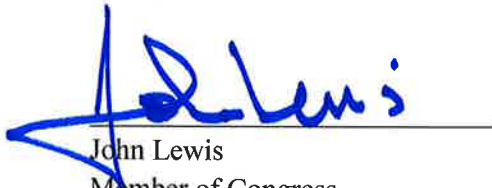
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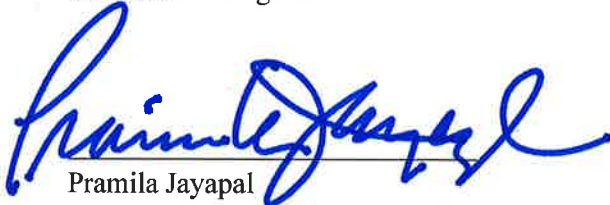
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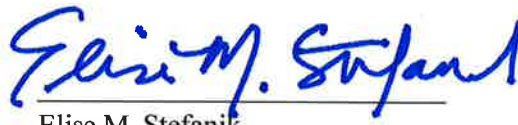
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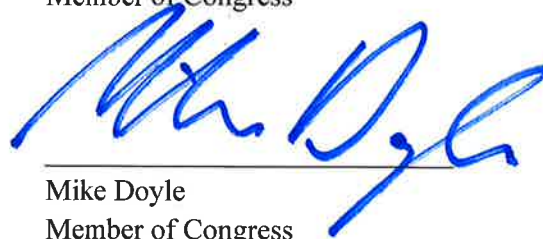
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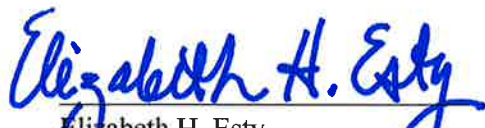
  
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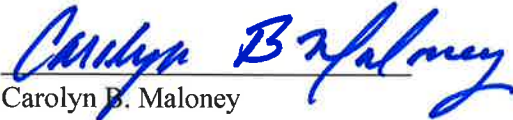
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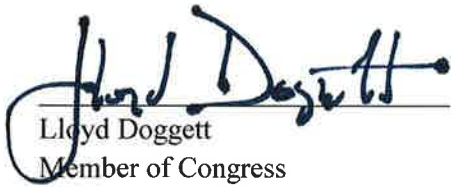
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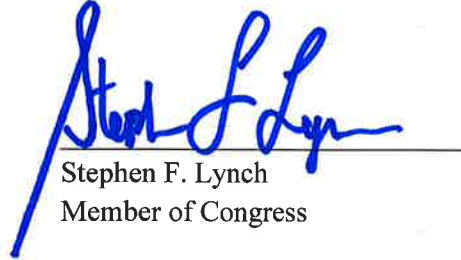
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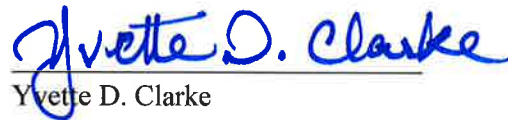
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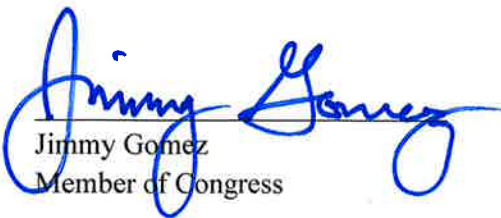
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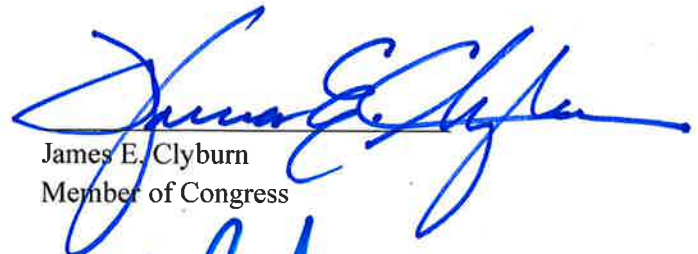
  
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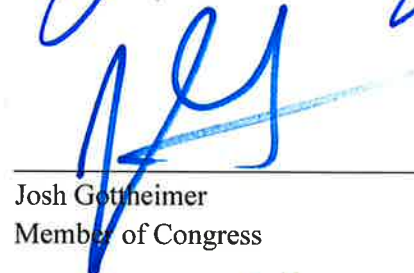
  
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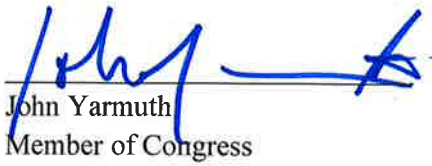
  
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Subcommittee on the Department of the Interior,  
Environment, and Related Agencies  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Capitol, S-128  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Cochran, Vice Chairman Leahy, and Chairman Murkowski,

We write today to express our steadfast support for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). For more than 50 years, the NEA and NEH have promoted educational and cultural experiences that generate tremendous economic returns for communities in every single state in the country. We urge you to continue bipartisan support by rejecting the Administration's budget proposal to eliminate the NEA and NEH. We respectfully request you support funding of no less than \$155 million for each of the NEA and NEH for fiscal year 2019.

Since its creation in 1965, the NEH has funded groundbreaking scholarly research, preserved essential cultural and educational resources, cataloged more than 63 million pages of our nation's historic newspapers, and helped millions of young people grapple with the lessons of history. Also established in 1965, the NEA supports art and education programs across the country. Access to the arts for all Americans is a core principle of the Endowment. The majority of NEA grants go to small and medium-sized organizations, and a significant percentage of grants fund programs in high-poverty communities throughout the country.

NEA and NEH serve as an important economic driver at the community level. The arts generate economic growth and employ more than 4 million people in the creative industries nationally. The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis reports that the arts and culture sector is a \$763.6 billion industry, or 4.2 percent of the nation's GDP. Arts and humanities education are critical to prepare our students for the innovative thinking required in the 21st century workplace. Students with an enriched education that includes the arts, have higher GPAs and standard test scores and lower drop-out rates. Every federal dollar spent on arts initiatives sparks funding collaborations that leverage more than nine non-federal dollars from collaborations with private foundations.

As an example of the tremendous value NEA and NEH provide nationwide, both agencies offer healing programs for those who serve in our Armed Services and their families, as well as veterans reintegrating into civilian life. The NEH's Warriors Scholar Project provides an "academic boot camp" for veterans entering or returning to college. Since 2012, the NEH program has served over 500 veterans and expanded to 11 school locations across the nation. The NEA's Military Healing Arts Partnership provides art therapy for active-duty military patients and their families to improve communication, process

traumatic events, and improve neurological and physical function. The program started at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and has now expanded to 11 other facilities across the country.

Thanks to your continued leadership, the NEA and NEH play a vital role in every state. We appreciate your attention to this matter, and we look forward to working with you on this and other important issues facing our nation.

Sincerely,



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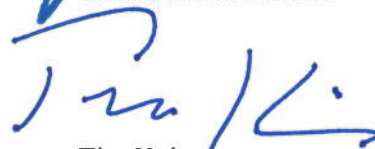
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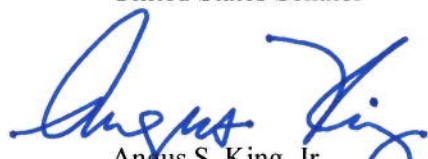
  
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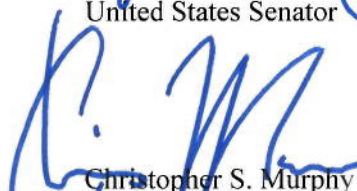
  
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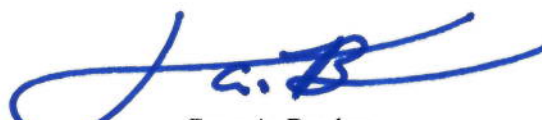
  
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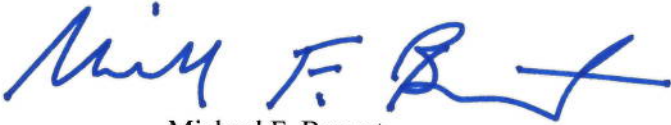
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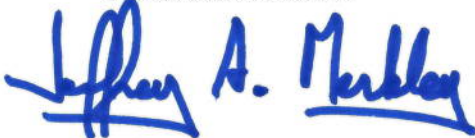
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Position: ☐ Senator ☐ Representative ☐ Aide (list title) \_\_\_\_\_

Party: ☐ Republican ☐ Democrat ☐ Independent

**Committee affiliations:**

☐ Budget Committee ☐ Appropriations Committee

☐ Appropriations Subcommittee ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**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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