

June 14, 2017

The Honorable Thomas Cole, Chairman
Committee of Appropriations
United States Congress
2358-B Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Funding for NARA, NHPRC, NEH, IMLS

Dear Honorable Chairman Cole:

I am writing on behalf of the Society of California Archivists in support of appropriations to maintain level funding for the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), the National Historic Publications and Records Commission, (NHPRC), the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Institute of Museums and Library Services (IMLS). These organizations help maintain the historical records of our country by providing valuable support for archives, libraries, and museums.

Providing financial support for these crucial institutions enables archives, museums, and libraries across the country to make a tremendous difference in their communities. These institutions have vital resources that contribute significantly to Americans' economic development, education, health, and well-being.

We ask you to maintain this investment in the Fiscal Year 2018 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

The Society of California Archivists, a non-profit statewide professional organization with a membership of more than 500 archivists and records managers, firmly request that your committee maintain level funding that allows these vital organizations to continue to provide the support necessary for archives, libraries and museums to protect and safeguard the collections in their care for future generations.

History lays the foundation for genuine citizenship by providing data about the emergence of national institutions, problems, and values—and our archives, libraries, and museums are the only significant storehouse of such data available. Please continue to support our nation's valuable history and the storehouses that keep and provide access to this data by maintaining funding for NARA, NHPRC, NEH, and IMLS.

Sincerely,



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