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April [day], 2014

The Honorable [Name of Representative]
House of Representatives
[Room Number and Building]
Washington, DC 20515
Fax: (202) [FAX number]

Re: House Republicans' 2015 Budget Resolution

Dear Representative [Representative's Last Name],

I write on behalf of the Society of California Archivists in opposition to the proposed elimination of funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). These institutions play crucial roles in supporting institutions essential to healthy public culture in a democratic society. California and our members' organizations have benefitted greatly from the money these institutions have granted to agencies and individuals since their inception.

Libraries and museums support the following national goals: opportunity for all Americans, economic competitiveness and innovation, productive global engagement, and strong communities. Humanities research and public programs promote the cultivation and dissemination of knowledge about civic institutions, citizen participation, and the foundations of community and democracy. The loss of the IMLS and the NEH would be particularly detrimental to California's citizens and institutions who, in 2013 alone, received over \$17,000,000 from these two agencies. These grants effectively created jobs, opportunities, and an educated citizenry.

The Society of California Archivists is a non-profit statewide professional association with a membership of more than 500 archivists, historians, librarians, museum curators, and students. Many of our members work in institutions that have found support from NEH and the IMLS. We understand the need to support cultural institutions and urge you to reject the House Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Resolution. The Institute of Museum and Library Services and the National Endowment for the Humanities should continue to be supported by the federal budget.

Sincerely,

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