

(Sample letter to Congressional delegation) Please personalize as much as possible:

Dear [Senator/Representative ____]

As a constituent, I am concerned by recent reports that the Trump Administration is considering elimination of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), among other agencies. I am grateful for your past strong support of the NEH, and I urge you to continue to support robust funding and oppose any proposal that would eliminate this vital agency.

NEH's programs teach essential skills and habits including reading, writing, critical thinking, and effective communication that are crucial for ensuring that each individual has the opportunity to learn and become a productive member of society. Employers increasingly seek employees who can combine the cultural knowledge and analytical ability fostered by these programs with technical knowledge and scientific research fostered by STEM education to create innovation and economic growth.

In the past two years, NEH has added the Standing Together initiative to its already critical work. The initiative funds reading groups for veterans that help them process their experiences through discussions of literature on war and homecoming; writing programs for veterans suffering from PTSD; intensive college-preparation programs; and training for Veterans Affairs staff to help them understand the experiences of veterans.

In addition to this initiative, NEH continues to support the work of humanities councils like our award-winning New Hampshire Humanities – all independent nonprofits in every state and territory – as well as museums, libraries, and universities to preserve and explore local history and traditions; promote understanding among diverse communities; and foster a sense of our common ideals, enduring civic values, and shared cultural heritage.

NEH funding of New Hampshire Humanities provides critical leverage that annually results in programming and grants that reach more than 70,000 NH residents in more than 170 cities and towns in partnership with more than 300 local organizations.

[Please add a story from your own experience or from your community that demonstrates the value of our work in NH]

While I appreciate the difficult budgetary decisions ahead, I strongly believe that NEH must be a high priority.

Thank you for your commitment to the educational, cultural, and civic health of our nation through your support of the NEH and of New Hampshire Humanities.

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