



SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

Dear Members,

You may have heard that in the coming weeks the Trump administration plans to submit a budget to Congress that defunds the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). These federal agencies, especially NEH, help support the protection of the archaeological record by funding our members' research and field work. The National Humanities Alliance says that elimination of these agencies would save the federal government 0.02% of its budget, and is in part a move to cut off support for innovative - and sometimes dissenting - fact-based research in the humanities.

If you care about the quality of our cultural lives, and about freedom to investigate our past and present, I urge you to click on [this link](#) and contact your representatives in Congress.

Please recall that the Trump budget has not yet been submitted to Congress, and that negotiations over its provisions have not yet begun. This issue will probably resurface for us all again this spring.

Please share this message to your family, friends, and colleagues - and consider visiting your congressional representative's office soon to voice your concerns to staff members there.

Sincerely,
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