

## Protect NEH/ Save Our Humanities Council

As a constituent, I am **[writing/calling]** to urgently request that you support the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) in the face of the Department of Government Efficiency's (DOGE) attempt to substantially reduce its staff, cut the agency's grant programs, and rescind grants that have already been awarded.

NEH is the only agency that funds our nation's 56 state and jurisdictional humanities councils, which provide vital cultural services and critical funding to local nonprofit organizations across the nation.

**[Say something about your state humanities council here.]**

NEH was created by an act of Congress in 1965 and reaffirmed by Republican and Democratic Presidents and legislators over the following 60 years. DOGE's reductions to the NEH budget and workforce will block the agency's ability to carry out Congressional intent.

Every Congress for 50 years has supported the state humanities councils and their effective distribution of federal dollars across America. These funds go directly to states (and your district) and allow councils to raise \$2 in private investment for every federal dollar spent.

The loss of NEH funding to humanities councils will **decimate** the ability of these nonprofits to serve communities across our state, eliminating programs that are essential to our region's cultural infrastructure.

Again, I urge you to protect NEH and NEH funding for humanities councils.

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## About the Mississippi Humanities Councils

*The Mississippi Committee for the Humanities was founded in March, 1972 with a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, which was working to create and support a new system of state humanities councils that could carry out and fund grassroots public humanities programs. Porter Fortune, Chancellor of the University of Mississippi, was the founding chairman of the organization, which later changed its name to the Mississippi Humanities Council. Learn more at [mshumanities.org](https://mshumanities.org)*

## About the Federation of State Humanities Councils

*Founded in 1977, the Federation of State Humanities Councils is the membership organization of the 56 state and jurisdictional [humanities councils](https://statehumanities.org). Through advocacy, events, partnerships, and shared resources, the Federation unites the work and voices of our nation's humanities councils as they bring wisdom and vision into our everyday lives. Learn more at [statehumanities.org](https://statehumanities.org).*