

Dear [Member of House or Senate]

With the many issues surfacing in Washington on a daily basis, I wanted to remind you of the work of the New Mexico Humanities Council and ask for your support.

The NMHC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that serves the entire state. NMHC is governed by a board of directors composed of community, business and policy leaders who determine the programming provided across New Mexico. NMHC receives core funding from the NEH through the Federal/State Partnership account. This core funding for NMHC has been essential in enabling us to deliver outstanding programs throughout New Mexico, tailored to local and regional interest and reaching geographical areas and groups that would otherwise not have access to such programs.

NMHC programs reach **dozens of New Mexico communities** – rural, suburban, and urban – **in every Congressional district** each year. NMHC extends their reach by partnering with **more than 1000 organizations each year**, including museums and libraries, K-12 schools and universities, senior centers and veterans' hospitals, non-profits, corporations and local businesses, chambers of commerce and state government, and radio and television stations. These extensive partnerships enabled councils to serve nearly 200,000 people through in-person events and about **14,500** people through virtual events in 2015.

NMHC is a small agency with an oversized impact. With your support for the agency, state humanities councils can continue to provide programming that enriches individual lives and strengthens communities in many ways. I urge you to continue to fund the NEH and the Federal/State Partnership.

Sincerely,

[Name]