March 10, 2015

Representative

Address

Washington, DC 20515

Dear

As Congress discusses the federal budget for 2016, I hope that you will support legislation to adequately fund the National Endowment for the Humanities and the state humanities councils. Currently a tiny sliver of the federal budget, support for NEH and the state humanities councils is an investment in America. It preserves our heritage, stimulating local economies and private philanthropy.

As the state-based partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Ohio Humanities Council receives much of its annual operating support from NEH. The Council uses its NEH allocation to support cultural vitality in every congressional district.

In Ohio, federal funds are used to provide grants and programs that reach across economic and social boundaries.

For example, ----------- ADD YOUR MESSAGE HERE ----------

The programs supported by the Ohio Humanities Council foster lifelong learning for the individuals and families in our district, help organizations leverage private philanthropy, and energize local economies by attracting visitors and new business. Without adequate support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, many OH programs will be curtailed or eliminated – and the benefits our community has enjoyed in the past will disappear.

Your leadership in Congress and your past support for the cultural endowments have ensured that Ohioans of all ages have had access to free cultural opportunities. Please continue to show your support for the Ohio Humanities Council by supporting adequate funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Sincerely,