

The Honorable Bruce Westerman  
Chairman  
House Committee on Natural Resources  
1324 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jared Huffman  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Natural Resources  
1332 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

November 05, 2025

Dear Chairman Westerman and Ranking Member Huffman:

The undersigned organizations representing Americans from across the country urge Congressional action to renew the long-term authorization of annual deposits to the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF).

With the passage of the National Historic Preservation Act in 1966, Congress declared, “the historical and cultural foundations of the Nation should be preserved as a living part of our community life and development.” As we prepare to commemorate America’s 250th anniversary next year, the time has come for the federal government to renew its commitment to preserve, enhance, and promote the history of our great nation.

In keeping with this responsibility, the HPF represents nearly half a century of federal, state, Tribal, and private sector collaboration. Created in the 1970s and administered by the National Park Service (NPS), the HPF supports the expertise of State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices in protecting and sharing the American story. The program also supports the administration of the National Register of Historic Places, the Historic Tax Credit program, facilitates delivery of critical infrastructure projects through statutorily required preservation reviews, and empowers competitive brick and mortar grant programs that support America’s most important preservation efforts. Nearly every community across the country has benefitted from HPF investments, from the transformation of the Hale Bathhouse in Hot Springs, Arkansas, into a thriving hotel utilizing the Historic Tax Credit program; to Save America’s Treasures projects across California, including the Mendocino Woodlands State Park – and many more across all 50 states, territories and the District of Columbia.

For over half a century, annual deposits to the HPF have remained fixed at \$150 million—unchanged despite the program’s clear success and the escalating demands placed on SHPO and THPO offices. After adjusting for inflation, the current deposits into the HPF would be equivalent to nearly \$850 million per year. With Congress consistently allocating more

funding than the program's authorized deposit each year, it is time to realign the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) with Congressional intent to ensure its continued success over the next 50 years. During this important anniversary year, the federal government must lead the nation in demonstrating a strong, long-term commitment to preserving our nation's history.

We commend the efforts of the House of Representative's Historic Preservation Caucus, led by Congressman Mike Turner (R-OH) and Teresa Leger Fernández (D-NM), in introducing the bipartisan Historic Preservation Fund Reauthorization Act (H.R. 3418) to reauthorize the HPF annual deposit, with proposed increases from \$150 million to \$250 million annually for 10 years. We cannot think of more fortuitous timing as we prepare for the 50th anniversary of the Historic Preservation Fund in 2026, in addition to commemorating the 250th anniversary of American independence, the 60th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act, and the 50th anniversary of the Historic Tax Credit program. This moment presents an important opportunity to unite Americans as we reflect upon our nation's humble beginnings, its tragedies and triumphs, and its rise to prominence as a beacon of hope the world over.

**Today, we ask for the help of Congress in upholding a commitment to America's story by passing the Historic Preservation Reauthorization Act.**

Sincerely,

### **National Organizations**

Advisory Council on Underwater Archaeology  
American Anthropology Association  
American Cultural Resources Association  
American Institute of Architects  
Archaeology Division of the American Anthropological Association  
Asian & Pacific Islander Americans in Historic Preservation  
Coalition for Archaeological Synthesis  
Historic Preservation Education Foundation  
Latinos in Heritage Conservation  
Maritime Archaeological and Historical Society  
National Alliance of Preservation Commissions  
National Barn Alliance  
National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers  
National Parks Conservation Association

National Preservation Partners Network  
National Trust for Historic Preservation  
Preservation Action  
PreservationDirectory.com  
Society for American Archaeology  
Society for Historical Archaeology  
Society for Industrial Archaeology  
The Association for Preservation Technology  
The Stained Glass Association of America  
The Coalition of State Museum Associations

### **Tribal**

Chemehuevi Tribal Historic Preservation Office (CA)  
Elem Indian colony band of Pomo Indians (CA)  
Mi'kmaq Nation (ME)  
The Osage Nation (OK)  
Hopland Band of Pomo Indians (CA)  
Rosebud Sioux Tribe Tribal Historic Preservation Office (SD)  
Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (WI)  
Thlopthlocco Tribal Town Historic Preservation (OK)  
Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma (OK)  
Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (MT)  
Summit Lake Paiute Tribe (NV)  
Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria (CA)  
The City/County of Butte-Silver Bow (MT)  
Zuni Indian Reservation (NM)  
United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma (OK)  
Cowlitz Indian Tribe (WA)  
Shawnee Tribe (OK)  
Lovelock Paiute Tribe (NV)  
Pueblo of Laguna Historic Preservation Office (NM)  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (OK)  
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (OR)  
Sokaogon Chippewa Community (WI)  
Pueblo de Cochiti Tribal Historic Preservation Office (NM)  
Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians' Tribal Historic Preservation Office (MI)

### **Alaska**

Preservation Alaska  
Museums Alaska  
Sea Level Consulting, LLC

## **Alabama**

Wiregrass Archaeological Consulting

## **Arizona**

Arizona Preservation Foundation  
Arizona Heritage Alliance  
Arizona Downtown Alliance  
Arizona Archaeological Council  
Flagstaff Townsite Historic Properties Community Land Trust  
Desert Archaeology, Inc.  
Cultural & Environmental Systems, Inc  
Archaeology Southwest  
Museum Association of Arizona  
Preserve Phoenix  
Statistical Research, Inc.  
Logan Simpson  
Washington-Escobedo Heritage Neighborhood  
N.E.B. Productions  
Bisbee Historic District Design Review Board  
Yavapai Preservation Association  
City of Mesa Historic Preservation Board  
City of Phoenix Historic Preservation Office  
City of Phoenix Archaeology Office  
Arizona State Museum AZSITE Database  
Chronicle Heritage  
Miami Arizona Historic Preservation Commission  
HD SOUTH  
Ganado Presbyterian Mission Foundation  
EnviroSystems Management, Inc.  
Casa Grande Historic Preservation Commission

## **Arkansas**

Preserve Arkansas  
Main Street Russellville  
Main Street Paris  
Main Street Texarcana  
Hot Springs Beauty College  
Quapaw Quarter Association  
Superior Bathhouse Brewery  
Taylor Kempkes Architects  
Hotel Hale

Nevada County Depot Museum  
Let There Be Design Gift Shop at Hart's  
People Helping Others Excel By Example  
Crystal Moon Metaphysical Boutique  
Johnson Building LLC

## **California**

California Preservation Foundation  
California Main Street  
Los Angeles Conservancy  
Save Our Heritage Organisation  
Preservation Sacramento  
Preserve Orange County  
Burlingame Historical Society  
InContext  
CAW Architects, Inc.  
Applied Earthworks, Inc.  
Far Western Anthropological Research Group, Inc.  
Bob Felter Construction

## **Colorado**

Colorado Historical Foundation  
Living Heritage Anthropology, LLC  
AK Pioneer Consulting, LLC  
Tetra Tech, Inc.

## **Connecticut**

Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office  
Preservation Connecticut

## **District of Columbia**

DC Preservation League  
The L'Enfant Trust

## **Florida**

Florida Trust for Historic Preservation  
Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation  
SEARCH  
B&B Farms, Inc

## **Georgia**

Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation  
Historic Macon Foundation  
Historic Columbus Foundation, Inc.  
Thomasville Landmarks  
Historic Augusta, Inc.  
Historic Athens  
History Cherokee  
New South Associates  
Easements Atlanta  
Preservation Associates, LLC  
Windward of Georgia Inc.

### **Hawaii**

Historic Hawaii Foundation  
International Archaeological Research Institute, Inc.

### **Illinois**

Landmarks Illinois  
Elijah Muhammad House  
BRUSH Architects, LLC WBE

### **Indiana**

Orbis Environmental Consulting  
Metric Environmental, LLC  
Preserve Historic La Porte  
Belloni Research Consulting  
Franklin Heritage Inc.

### **Iowa**

Preservation Iowa  
Friends of Historic Preservation  
Lisbon Historic Preservation Commission

### **Kansas**

Terracon Consultants, Inc.

### **Kentucky**

Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation  
The Louisville Preservation Fund, dba Vital Sites  
Cultural Resource Analysts, Inc.

## **Louisiana**

Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation  
Revitalize Historic Highland  
Smith, Parrish, & Atkins Resource Consultants, LLC  
Row 10 Historic Preservation Services, LLC

## **Maine**

Greater Portland Landmarks

## **Maryland**

Preservation Maryland  
Maryland Historical Trust  
Historic Annapolis  
The Ottery Group, Inc.  
Council for Maryland Archeology  
Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc.  
Maryland Council for the Social Studies  
Frederick County Landmarks Foundation

## **Massachusetts**

Preservation Massachusetts  
Boston Preservation Alliance

## **Michigan**

Michigan Historic Preservation Network  
Preservation Detroit  
Albert Kahn Legacy Foundation  
Kidorf Preservation Consulting  
Architecture + Design Inc.  
Brick + Beam Detroit

## **Minnesota**

Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office  
Rethos  
Hess, Roise and Company  
Barr Engineering Co.  
Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps

## **Mississippi**

Mississippi Heritage Trust

## **Missouri**

Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation  
Landmarks Association of St. Louis  
Missouri Archaeological Society  
Homegrown Studio, LLC  
SCI Engineering Inc.  
Preservation Alliance of Baltimore County  
Historic City Of Jefferson  
Wollenberg Building Conservation  
City Restoration & Revival, LLC  
Neil Group Construction, LLC  
STC Main Street Foundation  
Quaker Window Products Company

## **Montana**

Preserve Montana  
ARCHitecture Trio, Inc.  
Virginia City Preservation Alliance  
Virginia City Montana Historic Preservation Advisory Committee  
Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization, Inc.

## **Nevada**

Preserve Nevada  
Knight & Leavitt Associates, Inc.

## **New Hampshire**

Freeman Hill Associates  
Preservation Company

## **New Jersey**

Preservation New Jersey  
Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc.

## **New Mexico**

Southwest Scanning  
Ownby Analytical, LLC

## **New York**

Preservation League of New York State  
Preservation Association of Central New York  
Preservation Buffalo Niagra  
Historic Ithaca, Inc.  
Canal Society of New York State  
Richardson Olmsted Campus  
Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor  
National Women's Hall of Fame  
Salt City Restoration Co,  
1816 Farmington Quaker Meetinghouse Museum  
SUNY ESF Center for Cultural Landscape Preservation  
ACME Heritage Consultants LLC  
EDR  
TAP Inc.  
Village of Avon  
Village of Springville  
Village of Sherman  
Village of Holley  
Azar Design Co.  
The Babcock Movie Theater Preservation Society  
Juneteenth Festival Inc.  
CJS Architects

Orleans County Historical Association  
Historical New York Research Associates  
North Country Underground Railroad Historical Association  
Cobblestone Society  
Honeoye Falls Millwork  
Lyon New York Heritage Society  
Adirondack Architectural Heritage  
Kaleidoscope Farms Inc.  
Citizens Advocating for Memorial Preservation, Inc.  
New York Archaeological Council  
New York State Archaeological Association  
United Climate Action Network  
Cazenovia Chamber of Commerce (CAZ LIFE)  
Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology  
Molly Vendura Landscape Architect, PLLC  
East Aurora Historic Preservation Commission  
Friends of Limerick Inc.  
Rigidized Metals Corp.  
Flower Fields

### **North Carolina**

Seramur & Associates, PC  
Foreground Consulting, LLC  
Preservation Durham

### **Ohio**

Heritage Ohio and the Ohio Main Street Program  
Cleveland Restoration Society  
Cincinnati Preservation  
Oberlin Heritage Center  
Preservation Dayton, Inc.  
Preservation Ohio  
GBX Group, LLC  
Gray & Pape, Inc.  
ASC Group, Inc.  
Marous Brothers Construction, Inc.  
Heartland Earthworks Conservancy  
Ohio Archaeological Council

Altered Past Consulting LLC

## **Oklahoma**

Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.  
City of New Cordell

## **Oregon**

Restore Oregon  
City of Astoria  
Continuum Preservation Consulting  
Archaeological Investigations Northwest, Inc.  
Cultural Resources Consulting  
Russell Fellows Properties  
Arciform  
Owen Gabbert LLC  
Architectural Heritage Center & Bosco-Milligan Foundation

## **Pennsylvania**

Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia  
Susquehanna National Heritage Area  
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission  
Heritage Consulting Group, LLC

## **Rhode Island**

Preserve Rhode Island  
Newport Historical Society  
NeighborWorks Blackstone River Valley  
Grow Smart Rhode Island  
Providence Preservation Society  
Providence Revolving Fund  
Rhode Island Latino Arts

## **South Carolina**

Preservation South Carolina  
Historic Charleston Foundation

Preservation Society of Charleston

## **Tennessee**

Knox Heritage

Preservation Society of Nashville

Northwest Tennessee Development District

East Tennessee Development District

## **Texas**

Post Oak Preservation Solutions

Bearcat Maritime Heritage

Acacia Heritage Consulting

Preservation Austin

Cypress Environmental Consulting

Association for Preservation Technology, Texas Chapter

Legacy Cultural Resources

City of Texarkana

AECOM

Cafe Lucille

## **Utah**

Preservation Utah

Kirk Huffaker Preservation Strategies

## **Vermont**

Vermont State Historic Preservation Office

The Landmark Trust USA

## **Virginia**

Virginia Department of Historic Resources

Preservation Virginia

Historic Richmond

Monarc Construction, Inc.

Wayne Cultural Resources Management

Linden Capital, L.L.C.

Historic Fredericksburg Foundation, Inc.

**Washington**

Washington Trust for Historic Preservation  
Historic Seattle

**Wisconsin**

Wisconsin Trust for Historic Preservation, Inc.  
Anderson Geological Services  
Friends of Plum and Pilot Islands, Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge

**West Virginia**

Preservation Alliance of West Virginia  
Middleway Conservancy Association, Inc.

**Wyoming**

Alliance for Historic Wyoming