



AMIA STATEMENT ON PROPOSED FY 2018 BUDGET

Yesterday the White House submitted their 2018 budget proposal. Like the earlier budget blueprint, this comprehensive proposal has called for the elimination of the [National Endowment for the Arts](#) (NEA) and [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) (NEH), as well as the [Corporation for Public Broadcasting](#) (CPB) and the [Institute for Museum and Library Services](#) (IMLS), among others.

As noted after the earlier draft, these cuts would have a profound impact upon the arts, culture and history sectors, including archives, museums, libraries, and public media. The NEH, NEA, CPB and IMLS all provide significant funding to the preservation of and access to our audiovisual heritage. While it represents a tiny portion of the national budget, this funding plays a critical role in a cultural economy that leverages federal stimulus to raise state, local, and private funding. The loss of federal funds would have a grave impact on the institutions responsible for our cultural heritage.

Over the next several months, the budget proposal will work its way through the Congressional process. Arts and culture continue to have many advocates on both sides of the aisle in Congress, but it is important that they hear from you.

AMIA urges you to contact your representatives to urge their support in funding these critical agencies and the critical role this funding plays in the persistence of moving image heritage and resources for our field.

Our thanks to the Digital Library Federation for providing inspiration. A few references you may find useful:

- [The US Budget Proposal](#)
- [Taking Action – Contact Congress, Schedule a Meeting](#)
- [Contact Information for Congress & Appropriations Committee](#)

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