

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable Joseph Knollenberg  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Transportation, Treasury,  
Housing and Urban Development,  
The Judiciary, and the District of  
Columbia  
2358 Rayburn House Office Building  
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The Honorable John Olver  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Transportation, Treasury,  
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Dear Chairman Knollenberg and Ranking Member Olver:


With an understanding that the constraints on the budget this year have never been greater, and that your Subcommittee faces unusually difficult choices in crafting its FY 2006 appropriations bill, we respectfully request that the Subcommittee reject the Administration's request to zero out funding for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC). We request that the Subcommittee provide \$8 million (20 percent under its authorized level) for grants and \$2 million for staffing and administrative support for this small but essential federal program.

For over 40 years, the NHPRC has played an essential federal leadership role in preserving and publishing important historical records that document American history. The NHPRC has an outstanding success record of using a small amount of federal funds to leverage other contributions. It is important that the NHPRC be able to continue preserving our nation's historical records, promoting regional and national coordination in archives-related matters, and supporting a wide range of other activities relating to America's documentary heritage.

We applaud the work you have done in the past in support of this program, and we urge you to support \$8 million in grants plus \$2 million in administrative support for the NHPRC.

Sincerely,

  
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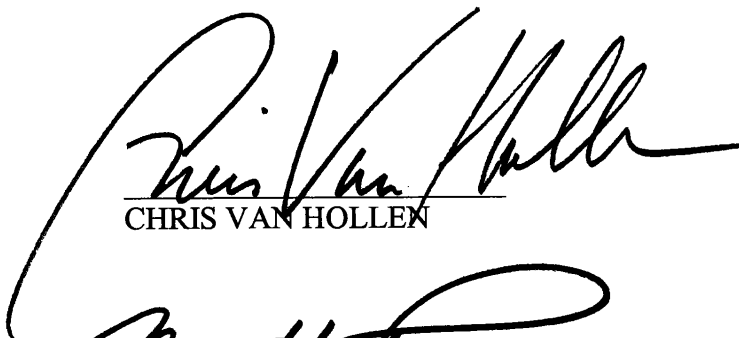
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