

Congress of the United States

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The Honorable Dave Joyce
Chairman
Financial Services and General Government
2412 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer
Ranking Member
Financial Services and General Government
1705 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Joyce and Ranking Member Hoyer,

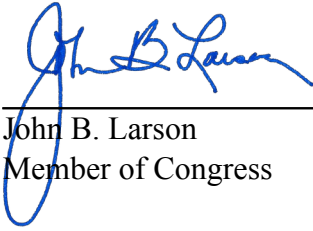
The National Archives and Records Administration is the principal institution for the management and preservation of our nation's federal documents. As you consider your FY25 budgetary priorities for the Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, we respectfully ask you to appropriate the President's full funding request of \$456.3 million for the agency's operating expenses in the Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill.

NARA's core function is to preserve and make accessible federal government and historical records. The National Archives now has over 40 facilities nationwide including its main facilities in Washington, D.C. and College Park, Maryland, and 14 Presidential Libraries. NARA is also responsible for the Federal Register and the NHPRC, which provides grants for the creation of documentary collections (books and electronic) of the papers of nationally significant individuals and institutions.

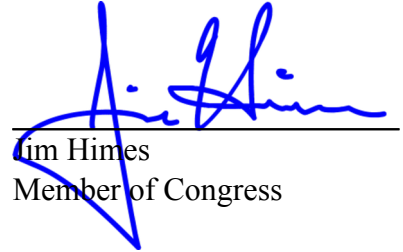
The President's full funding request for FY25 includes a \$28.8 million increase in operating expenses for NARA, driven primarily by the agency's greater digitization efforts and their subsequent cyber records management needs. \$7.8 million of all NARA operating expenses will be appropriated for the adoption and integration of cybersecurity software, while a combined \$8.1 million is budgeted to improve customer support services software and hire an extra 35 staff members to preserve the newly developed electronic record archive. To address inflation, NARA also plans to use \$6 million for employee pay and benefit increases, along with \$7.9 million to address rising facility operation costs.

Supporting the Presidential budget request for NARA, and continuing funding for the operating expenses of the agency is crucial in the midst of their 5-year Digital Preservation Strategy project. We understand the many difficult choices the Subcommittee faces in constructing its FY 2025 budget bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request for NARA.

Sincerely,



John B. Larson
Member of Congress



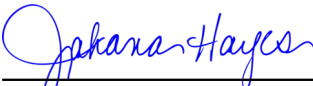
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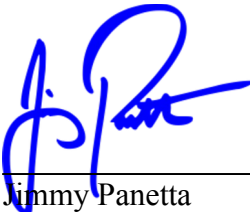
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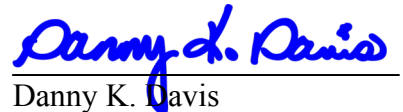
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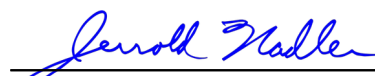
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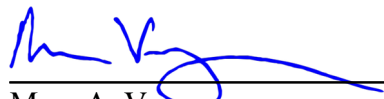
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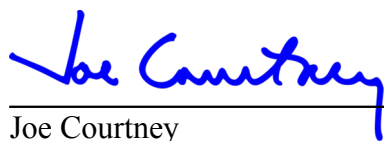
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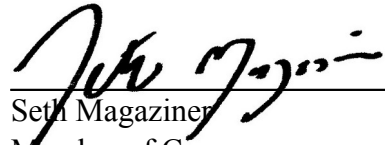
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