

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 Commision
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
Save Our Heritage Organisation
Preservation Sacramento
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
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
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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

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,
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ACME Heritage Consultants LLC
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Village of Springville
Village of Sherman
Village of Holley
Azar Design Co.
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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