



## KENTUCKY HUMANITIES

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### Script for Contacting Elected Officials: Protect NEH/ Save Kentucky Humanities

As a constituent, I am [writing/calling] to urgently request that you support the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) in the face of the Department of Government Efficiency's (DOGE) attempt to substantially reduce its staff, cut the agency's grant programs, and rescind grants that have already been awarded.

NEH is the only agency that funds our nation's 56 state and jurisdictional humanities councils, which provide vital cultural services and critical funding to local nonprofit organizations across the nation.

Kentucky Humanities proudly serves as the state affiliate of the NEH, and if the termination of funding to state councils is not stopped, Kentucky

Humanities will lose **all** of the federal funding that supports its work in Kentucky's libraries, schools, community centers, and museums.

NEH was created by an act of Congress in 1965 and reaffirmed by Republican and Democratic Presidents and legislators over 60 years. DOGE's reductions to the NEH budget and workforce will block the agency's ability to carry out Congressional mandate.

From 2020-2024, Kentucky Humanities sponsored nearly 2,500 events reaching more than 3 million Kentuckians, and awarded more than \$1.6 million in grant funds to cultural organizations throughout the state. Kentucky Humanities continually delivers programs to communities throughout the state that would otherwise not be accessible including traveling Smithsonian exhibits and children's author visits to rural Kentucky schools. The return on investment in the humanities far outweighs its cost, contributing to economic growth, tourism, and an appreciation for our shared history.

Again, I urge you to protect NEH and NEH funding for state humanities councils, including Kentucky Humanities.