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Save the NHPRC from Devastating Budget Cuts!

The House of Representatives has proposed cutting the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) funding for 2011 from \$10 million to \$4 million as part of its overall effort to reduce federal spending. This is a 60% reduction for this year alone, and it sets a very dangerous precedent for the upcoming 2012 budget negotiations.

The Council of State Archivists, the Society of American Archivists, and the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators are working collaboratively to address this threat to NHPRC and NARA. Archivists across the U.S. are rallying to stop serious cuts to NHPRC funding for 2011.

What do we want? **Funding for NHPRC at a level of at least \$8 million for 2011.**

What can you do?

Act now! Between now and March 4, 2011, help convince the Senate to recommend funding for NHPRC of at least \$8 million:

Send emails or faxes or, better yet, call your Senators, urging them to fund NHPRC at a level of at least \$8 million for FY 2011. Communications should come from individuals and organizations that have received NHPRC grants or from those who have benefited from the projects--genealogists, local government officials, historians, teachers, and others. If the Senate approves funding at a higher level than the House, the funding level will have to be negotiated in a conference committee.

A sample letter for Senators is attached—be sure to personalize it with examples and references to your institution or state.

A fact sheet on the importance of NHPRC is also attached—use or adapt it to share with your Senator.

To contact your Senators: www.senate.gov

And if your Senator is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee: <http://appropriations.senate.gov/>