



Note: This is the first time that I am sending you information as part of a new list that I created of lawyers/lobbyists that work with Indian tribes. The following information was just sent to all the THPOs and other tribal representatives who are active in cultural preservation. Please let me know if you are interested and able to help with this request. It was a hard fought win to include the \$13.5 million in this initial request, but the tough work continues til the end of the appropriations process. Your help and support are greatly appreciated. Bambi Kraus

Help Advocate for Increased Federal Appropriations for Tribes and Cultural Preservation

Over the past two weeks NATHPO has worked with our Preservation Partners and the House Historic Preservation Caucus here in Washington, DC, to develop a group consensus on the FY2019 federal appropriations request for historic preservation.

Yesterday the Co-Chairs of the Historic Preservation Caucus -- Michael R. Turner (R-OH) and Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) -- distributed a Dear Colleague sign-on letter that details the line items in the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) and asks for their colleagues support. The HPF is the main source of funds for historic preservation in the United States.

How to support this important, increased funding for Indian Tribes?

1. Tribes can add their support to this group effort by requesting the \$13.5 million in the Tribal line item. Depending on the Tribe's process, it can support the

- HPF as a separate request or ask that the HPF be included as part of an overall tribal request
2. Tribes can ask their Representative/s to add their name to the sign-on letter
 3. Tribes can also advocate for the other HPF categories that includes funds for State Historic Preservation Officers, and other important cultural preservation programs (some of which Tribes all also eligible)

[Click here for copy of the Dear Colleague cover letter](#)

[Click here for the sign-on letter](#)

Note: I have other information, such as last year's sign-on letter that shows who added their name to the letter, and this year's list of House Historic Preservation Caucus members. If this information is helpful to you, please send me an email and I will reply with the requested information.

Also, your support for the National Park Service NAGPRA grants program, as well as the independent agencies that support tribal cultural preservation is appreciated.

[Click here for announcement of FY19 budget request and related information](#)

Additional information on the NATHPO website:

NATHPO's website has much more information on the HPF and the growth and funding history of the THPO program. Here are some helpful links:

[Click here for HPF funding history for FY15 to FY19](#)

[Click here for chart that demonstrates growth of the THPO program for 1996-2016](#)

[Click here for NATHPO's main Advocacy webpage](#)

Note: The Advocacy webpage has much more information than the post on the NATHPO home page about the FY19 budget announcement. Please refer to the Advocacy webpage for most current information, at this time.

Questions? Please send me an email or call (202) 628-8476.

