

Guide to the American Alliance of Museums' Legislative Record, 115th – 116th Congress (2018-Present)

This tracking system is an easy way for Alliance members and advocates to better follow their legislators' actions. It should not be considered as an endorsement or condemnation of any member of Congress or any candidate for office. Legislators who took pro-museum action on one of the issues described below receive a check mark in the corresponding column.

House of Representatives

OMS Letter FY 2020—On March 28, 2019, 178 members wrote to the heads of the subcommittee that has jurisdiction over the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) appropriations. The letter requested that the Office of Museum Services (OMS) receive robust funding in FY 2020. **Pro-museum Action: SIGN**

IMLS Reauthorization Vote—On December 19, 2018, members passed The Museum and Library Services Act of 2018 (S. 3530) by a roll call vote of 331-28. The act, signed into law on December 31, 2018 (Public Law No: 115-410), would reauthorize the agency for six years and contains many provisions supported by the museum field. **Pro-museum Action: VOTE YES**

IMLS Reauthorization Cosponsors—11 members in the 115th Congress took a leadership role and cosponsored The Museum and Library Services Act of 2018 (H.R. 6988). **Pro-museum Action: COSPONSOR**

NEH & NEA Budget Cut Amendment—On July 18, 2018, an amendment offered by Representative Glenn S. Grothman (R-WI-6th) that would have cut the budgets of each the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) by 15 percent was defeated by a roll call vote of 297-114. **Pro-museum Action: VOTE NO**

Senate

OMS Letter FY 2020—On April 15, 2019, 41 senators wrote to the heads of the subcommittee that has jurisdiction over the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) appropriations. The letter requested that the Office of Museum Services (OMS) receive robust funding in FY 2020. **Pro-museum Action: SIGN**

IMLS Reauthorization Cosponsors—24 senators in the 115th Congress took a leadership role and cosponsored The Museum and Library Services Act of 2018 (S. 3530). The act, signed into law on December 31, 2018 (Public Law No: 115-410), would reauthorize the agency for six years and contains many provisions supported by the museum field. **Pro-museum Action: COSPONSOR**

Notes

- "A-L" indicates the House member is an at-large representative for their entire state or territory.
- "*" indicates new member of Congress.
- "NV" indicates not voting.
- The Alliance is also aware that some legislators send their own letter in support of the Office of Museum Services, or include OMS on a letter listing their priorities. These individual letters also help our cause. These legislators include Representatives Liz Cheney (R-WY), Sean Duffy (R-WI), Betty McCollum (D-MN), and Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA).