



Do not send this letter template as is, but personalize it with your information. Elected officials depend on their constituents to inform them that taxpayer dollars are put to good use. You can reinforce the value of funding for humanities projects by writing your elected officials. Write in your own words and use personal stationery or letterhead and logo.

Your letter should be personalized, specific, and concise. If you have trouble getting started, you're welcome to use and adapt these letter templates and tips in this document

Your Letterhead or Personal Stationery*

[DATE]

The Honorable _____:

As a resident of the _____ Congressional District, I am writing to ask for your support of continued funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as part of the impending federal budget process. Eliminating NEH support would have dire consequences for our state and the benefits that our fellow citizens derive from the public humanities.

For more than four decades, the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, has helped to preserve and share the stories that bring North Carolina's rich culture to life through the humanities. NEH funding is essential to ensure North Carolinians continue to benefit from the Council's outstanding programs which are tailored to local and regional interest and reach geographical areas and communities that would otherwise not have access to these educational and cultural opportunities.

[Tell your story:

- 1. What do the humanities mean to you
2. Write about how the humanities help North Carolina's society
3. How have you been impacted by a North Carolina Humanities Council program or grant project?
4. Additional ideas are listed in the letter writing tips below]

From the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Atlantic coast, a distinctive culture sets North Carolina apart. The public humanities celebrate our heritage, history and people and deliver proven benefits to the citizens of this state, every day in myriad ways. I hope you will recognize the importance of the North Carolina Humanities Council by supporting continued federal funding for the NEH.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

[NAME & CONTACT INFO]

Letter writing ideas:

Following are key points about why the Council and public humanities are so vital to North Carolina:

- Benefit to rural communities: We partner with dozens of local libraries, agencies and other partners to provide opportunities for residents to learn about the state's traditions, history and culture through high quality, diverse and affordable humanities-based programming such as Roads Scholars and Museum on Main Street.

