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Museums

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The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
Chairman
Interior and Related Agencies Subcommittee
127 Senate Dirksen Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We, the organizations listed below, understand that the full Senate will likely take up consideration of the Interior Appropriations bill in mid-September, and that House and Senate conferees will begin work shortly thereafter. While we understand and appreciate the fiscal constraints under which Congress must operate, it is our hope that you and the other Senate conferees will be willing to accept the House figures for grants and administration for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).

As you know, the Congressional Budget Office estimates implementation of the legislation to cost about \$50 million. Most of the projected costs are to be incurred in establishing an inventory of the more than 3.5 million items known to be within the scope of NAGPRA. The money appropriated for this program will greatly assist museums and tribes by providing grant money to help carry out these long and costly inventories and for other expenses connected with the repatriation process.

On behalf of the organizations below, and the entire community of museums, tribes, universities, archaeologists and historic preservation officers, we thank you for your help when the conference convenes.

Sincerely,



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American Association of Museums
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 National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers
 Native American Rights Fund
 Society for Historical Archaeology
 Society for American Archaeology
 Association of Systematics Collections
 Mountain-Plains Museum Association
 Museum Trustee Association
 Pennsylvania Federation of Museums & Historic Organizations
 Texas Association of Museums

The Albuquerque Museum	Albuquerque, NM
American Museum of National History	New York, NY
Arizona State Museum	Tuscan, AZ
The Art Museum, Princeton University	Princeton, NJ
Children's Museum of Indianapolis	Indianapolis, IN
Children's Museum of Utah	Salt Lake City, UT
Clemson University Historic House Museums	Clemson, SC
Columbus Museum	Columbus, GA
Denver Art Museum	Denver, CO
Denver Museum of Natural History	Denver, CO
Field Museum of Natural History	Chicago, IL
The Heard Museum	Phoenix, AZ
Illinois State Museum	Springfield, IL
Kaminski House Museum	Georgetown, SC
Lauren Rogers Museum of Art	Laurel, MS
The Mariner's Museum	Newport News, VA
Maxwell Museum of Anthropology	Albuquerque, NW
Memphis Museum System	Memphis, TN
Metropolitan Museum of Art	New York, NY
Miami Youth Museum	Miami, FL
Minnesota Museum of American Art	St. Paul, MN
The Mint Museum of Art	Charlotte, LA
Montana Historical Society	Helena, MT
Museum of History & Industry	Seattle, WA
Natural History Museum of L.A. County	Los Angeles, CA
Neville Public Museum of Brown County	Green Bay, WI
Newport Art Museum	Newport, RI
Oklahoma Museum of Natural History	Norman, OK
Old Sturbridge Village	Sturbridge, MA
Peabody & Essex Museum	Salem, MA
Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology	Cambridge, MA
Harvard University	
Plains Art Museum	Fargo, ND/Moorhead, MN
Public Museum of Grand Rapids	Grand Rapids, MI
Racine County Museum	Racine, WI
Research Laboratories of Anthropology	Chapel Hill, NC
Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	
Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archeology	Andover, MA
Seattle Art Museum	Seattle, WA
South Carolina State Museum	Columbia, SC
The Strong Museum	Rochester, NY

Taylor Museum for Southwestern Studies	Colorado Springs, CO
Tennessee Botanical Gardens & Fine Arts Center at Cheekwood	Nashville, TN
University Gallery, University of Delaware	Newark, DE
University Museum of Archeology & Anthropology, Univ. of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia, PA
University of California System	Berkeley, CA
Utah Museum of Fine Art	Salt Lake City, UT
Utah Museum of Natural History	Salt Lake City, UT
Van Cortlandt House Museum	Bronx, NY
Vermilionville Historic Foundation	Lafayette, LA
Weatherspoon Art Gallery	Greensboro, NC
West Virginia State Museum	Charleston, WV
Wignall Museum Gallery	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
Williams College Museum of Art	Williamstown, MA