

Committee on Natural Resources
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands
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Legislative Hearing on
H.R. 1117, H.R. 3525, H.R. 5230

Questions from Rep. Moore for Theodore Gonzalves, Acting Director, Asian American Program, Smithsonian Institution

1. **Mr. Gonzalves**, as you're aware, Congress recently passed legislation to establish the National Museum of the American Latino and the American Women's History Museum under the Smithsonian's umbrella. Recognizing that H.R. 3525 just establishes a commission to study the potential creation of a national museum of Asian Pacific American history, can you speak to the decision-making process that will lead to the selection of a site?
2. **Mr. Gonzalves**, the Smithsonian is currently facing a significant maintenance backlog. What led to this backlog in the first place?