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**PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED FY 2020 BUDGET FOR THE LIBRARY OF  
CONGRESS**

**Submitted by the National Coalition for  
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The Honorable Tim  
Ryan Chairman  
Subcommittee on the Legislative  
Branch House Committee on  
Appropriations  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Ryan:

**The Trump Administration has recommended funding of \$747 million for the Library of Congress in fiscal year 2020, which is an increase of \$51 million from the FY 19 level of \$696 million. The National Coalition for History (NCH) supports this increased funding.**

The National Coalition for History (NCH) is a consortium of more than 50 organizations that advocates and educates on federal legislative and regulatory issues affecting historians, archivists, political scientists, teachers, students, genealogists, and other stakeholders.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our views on the Library of Congress' (LOC's) proposed fiscal year (FY) 2020 budget. As researchers and conservators of American history and culture, we care deeply about the programs and activities of the Library.

The budget request for the LOC in FY 20 continues a steady upward trend in funding for the Library from \$600 million in FY 16 to \$632 million in FY 17 to \$670 million in FY 18. We appreciate the subcommittee's continued support of the important programs the LOC provides both Congress and the public.

Sincerely,

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