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On Wednesday, the U.S. House of Representatives rejected the Grothman amendment, which proposed reducing funding to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), by a vote of 114–297, continuing to demonstrate strong bipartisan support for arts and culture in the U.S.

Your advocacy and letters to your representatives have a real impact. Thank you for adding your voice in support of the NEA.

This morning, the House passed the bill to fund the Interior Department, which includes a \$2 million increase to the NEA and NEH, bringing both budgets to \$155 million for fiscal year 2019. The Senate, which also proposed a \$2 million increase, is expected to vote on the Interior bill next week.

Dance/USA will continue to track the appropriations process and will update the field as we learn more.

To learn more about these and other issues, <u>visit Dance/USA's advocacy page</u>. And please take a minute to join arts advocates from across the U.S. in urging Congress to support policies and legislation that impact the arts sector.

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