

HOUSE AMENDMENT PROPOSES \$23 MILLION CUT TO NEA

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In the past few months, Congress has continued to demonstrate bipartisan support for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), with both House and Senate Appropriations Committees approving a budget for the U.S. Department of Interior that includes \$155 million in funding for the NEA and NEH. This represents a \$2 million increase for the cultural agencies, reaching the funding amount that arts advocates have been requesting for years.

This week, the full House of Representatives will vote on the Interior budget, an occurrence that has been rare in recent years that have seen numerous continuing resolutions and omnibus funding bills. Last night, Rep. Glenn Grothman (R-WI) offered an amendment that would cut the cultural agencies by \$23 million in an effort to reduce spending.

[Now is the time to contact your Congressional representatives and urge them to oppose the Grothman amendment and to support a budget of \\$155 million for NEA!](#)

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The Senate may have a floor vote on the Interior budget in the coming weeks. Stay tuned for additional updates from Dance/USA.

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