

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Hon. Ken Calvert
Chairman
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
B-308 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Hon. Betty McCollum
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
1016 Longworth House Office
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Calvert and Ranking Member McCollum:

We write to respectfully urge you to provide \$57 million in funding for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in the Fiscal Year 2018 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The President's budget request seeks \$54 million for the museum, which is a \$3 million reduction from the Fiscal Year 2017 enacted funding level of \$57 million.

The museum serves as a memorial to victims of the Holocaust, educates the public about how and why the Holocaust occurred, and helps ensure that we never forget the genocide committed against the Jewish people. Since the opening of the museum in 1993, Congress has appropriated funds to pay for its ongoing operating costs, including employee salaries, security-related expenses, and commemorative observances. In April, the museum opened a new storage and research facility in Bowie, Md., that will house documents and artifacts held by the museum but not on display in Washington, DC.

In our view, the mission of the museum has never been more important, particularly as the number of anti-Semitic attacks around the world rises. Now is not the time to cut funding for this national treasure.

Sincerely,



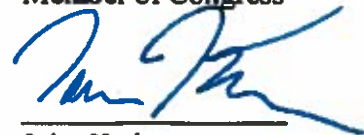
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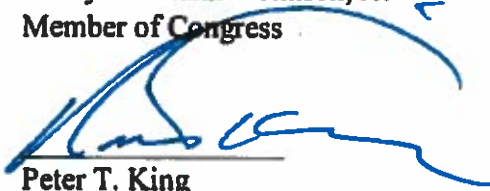
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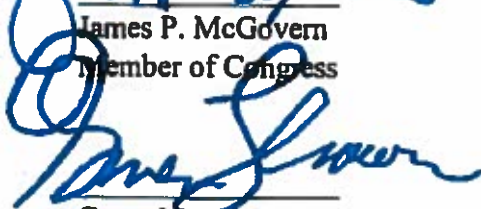
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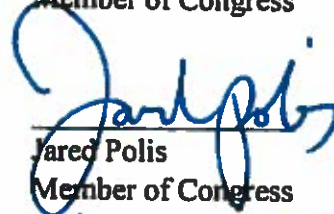
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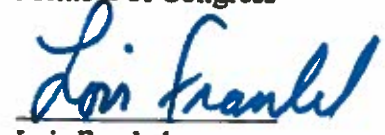
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