



December 6, 2024

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair, Committee on Appropriations
S-128, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins
Vice Chair, Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair, Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, Committee on Appropriations
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Chair Murray, Vice Chair Collins, Chair Cole, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

Due to the devastation of multiple EF rated Tornados in central Oklahoma on April 27 & 28, 2024, the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) wishes to support the inclusion of supplemental funding to help aid in recovery efforts of the impacted areas. With over 25 counties affected, several communities experienced damage or destruction of historic resources.

Allocating additional funding under the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), will ensure resources are evaluated for rehabilitation and reconstruction, as well as support staffing for compliance activities related to disaster recovery, aid in the administration of grant funds, and support efforts to safeguard against future disasters.

Increasing storm severity continues to negatively impact communities nationwide, and threatens to destroy some of our nations most cherished historic resources. Our support for this effort is similar to our recent ask to provide supplemental HPF funding for the damage caused by Hurricanes Helene & Milton this fall (attached). NCSHPO seeks to equip all 59 State Historic Preservation Offices with the support needed to preserve, protect, and promote the historic resources that ultimately enhance the shared history and experiences of all Americans.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Erik Hein