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2025 Advocacy Week Outlook

Welcome to National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week 2025! This year we find ourselves in Washington DC at a critical and chaotic time, advocating for the future of historic preservation. With your help, we can remind Congress about the importance of our historic places - the very heart and soul of our nation, and the programs, people, funding and incentives that are needed to make it all work.

Alongside other grassroots advocates from across the nation, you will hear remarks from Congressional champions, lobbyists, and advocates to deepen your understanding of current challenges and opportunities in historic preservation. Your participation in meetings on Capitol Hill will help your Congressmembers and their staff understand specific impacts back at home. National preservation organizations continue to promote historic preservation in DC - but your voice is vital.

In recent weeks, sweeping overhauls at the federal level have resulted in a tumultuous political environment. As such, Congressional advocacy might look a bit different on the Hill this year, as advocates seek to ensure historic preservation efforts are given appropriate consideration while so many different issues are competing for attention. But this is why it remains imperative that Congressional offices continue to hear from you about why historic preservation is important; why telling the American story through our places matters; and why federally supported programs, funding, and incentives are critical for our country.

As we prepare for the commemoration of America's Semiquincentennial in July of 2026, we invite you to take advantage of the opportunity to nurture existing relationships with your members of Congress as well as build new relationships with the 70 new members of the 119th Congress.

Together, we can help ensure our communities thrive through historic preservation efforts that support, recognize, and protect America's heritage.

Thank you for attending! Your presence matters.



Strategies for Hill Visits

Know Your Member

- Research your [Congressional Members](#) biography, committee assignments & policy priorities.
- You may find that someone helped establish a National Historic Landmark, provided assistance with a local tax credit project, or sought funding for a specific preservation project. In some cases, you'll be talking to someone who has no track record with historic preservation at all - and that's OK!
- Share your knowledge of preservation, the district, and how your work relates to a given program.
- Focus on building a 2-way dialogue to share information & problem solve the issues at hand in a bipartisan manner. Offer to serve as a resource.
- Create an opportunity for more dialogue. Invite the member and/or staff to visit a historic site or HTC project in their district. If there's an upcoming event in the district, invite them to attend!

Be Prepared

- State coordinators should 1) prepare state & district specific one pagers; and 2) print copies of the official advocacy week one pagers to leave behind at each meeting.
- Talk with other advocates in your state - ask questions and exchange ideas ahead of your meetings!
- Wear business attire and comfortable shoes.
- Bring business cards.
- At the conclusion of the meeting, ask for a picture.

AFTER EACH HILL VISIT, PLEASE HAVE ONE MEMBER OF YOUR DELEGATION COMPLETE THIS ONLINE HILL FORM

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BE SURE TO FOLLOW UP AFTER YOUR MEETINGS TO THANK MEMBERS AND PROVIDE ANY PROMISED INFORMATION!



HPF Appropriations

ASK: Support FY 2026 Historic Preservation Fund appropriations of \$225 million

- \$70 million for SHPOs
- \$34 million for THPOs
- \$121 million for preservation grant programs

TALK TO: Members of Congress & staff, especially members of the [House](#) & [Senate](#) Appropriations Committee, especially those on the Interior subcommittees.

- Appropriators: Thank/encourage their support of HPF; remind them that more funding is needed to carry out the essential programs funded by HPF.
- Non-Appropriators: Ask them to voice support of the HPF request to the Chairman & Ranking Member of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee.

IT IS VITAL THAT CONGRESS RENEW AND STRENGTHEN ITS COMMITMENT TO THE HPF TO ENABLE SHPOS & THPOS TO PERFORM THEIR FEDERALLY-MANDATED DUTIES; ALONG WITH THE COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAMS, WE CAN SAVE AMERICA'S HISTORIC PLACES



Historic Tax Credit

ASK: Support provisions in the emerging tax bill to make the federal Historic Tax Credit more valuable and easier to use by

- Returning the HTC to a one-year credit
- Eliminating the basis adjustment
- Expanding eligibility for the credit
- Enhancing the credit for smaller projects

TALK TO: Members of Congress & staff, specifically members of the [House Ways & Means Committee](#) and [Senate Finance Committee](#).



Preserve Our Heritage, Invest in Our Future

ASK: Give consideration to federal actions that could negatively impact historic places

- Retain, hire & recruit qualified federal staff
- Ensure adequate capacity to support revitalization
- Support efficient review for important projects

ASK: Commit to the bipartisan enhancement of the Historic Preservation Fund by

- Reauthorize the program at \$250 million dollars annually for the longest interval possible
- Extend the current program authorization for 1 year, whilst the longer term solution is negotiated

TALK TO: Members of Congress & staff, especially members of the [House Natural Resources Committee](#) and [Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee](#), especially those on the Federal Lands & Public Lands subcommittees.



Historic Preservation Caucus

ASK: Join the U.S. House Historic Preservation Caucus (or thank if your member is on it)

TALK TO: Members of the U.S. House of Representatives (& their staff)

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