



## **PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED FY 2020 BUDGET FOR THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS**

**Submitted by the National Coalition for History  
Lee White, Executive Director**

April 1, 2019

The Honorable Tim Ryan  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Ryan:

**The Trump Administration has recommended funding of \$747 million for the Library of Congress in fiscal year 2020, which is an increase of \$51 million from the FY 19 level of \$696 million. The National Coalition for History (NCH) supports this increased funding.**

The National Coalition for History (NCH) is a consortium of more than 50 organizations that advocates and educates on federal legislative and regulatory issues affecting historians, archivists, political scientists, teachers, students, genealogists, and other stakeholders.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our views on the Library of Congress' (LOC's) proposed fiscal year (FY) 2020 budget. As researchers and conservators of American history and culture, we care deeply about the programs and activities of the Library.

The budget request for the LOC in FY 20 continues a steady upward trend in funding for the Library from \$600 million in FY 16 to \$632 million in FY 17 to \$670 million in FY 18. We appreciate the subcommittee's continued support of the important programs the LOC provides both Congress and the public.

Sincerely,

Lee White  
Executive Director  
National Coalition for History

## Truth in Testimony Disclosure Form

In accordance with Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)\*, of the *Rules of the House of Representatives*, witnesses are asked to disclose the following information. Please complete this form electronically by filling in the provided blanks.

Committee: Appropriations

Subcommittee: Legislative Branch

Hearing Date: April 2, 2019

Hearing Subject:

Public Witnesses Hearing

Witness Name: Leland J. White

Position/Title: Executive Director

Witness Type: ☐ Governmental ☒ Non-governmental

Are you representing yourself or an organization? ☐ Self ☒ Organization

If you are representing an organization, please list what entity or entities you are representing:

National Coalition for History

If you are a **non-governmental witness**, please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the hearing's subject matter that you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing received in the current calendar year and previous two calendar years. Include the source and amount of each grant or contract. *If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.*

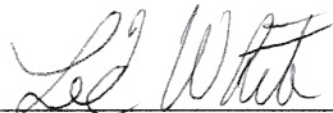
None.

If you are a **non-governmental witness**, please list any contracts or payments originating with a foreign government and related to the hearing's subject matter that you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing received in the current year and previous two calendar years. Include the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment. *If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.*

None.

### False Statements Certification

Knowingly providing material false information to this committee/subcommittee, or knowingly concealing material information from this committee/subcommittee, is a crime (18 U.S.C. § 1001). This form will be made part of the hearing record.



Witness signature

4/1/19

Date

**If you are a non-governmental witness, please ensure that you attach the following documents to this disclosure. Check both boxes to acknowledge that you have done so.**

☒ Written statement of proposed testimony

☒ Curriculum vitae or biography

\*Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5), of the U.S. House of Representatives provides:

(5)(A) Each committee shall, to the greatest extent practicable, require witnesses who appear before it to submit in advance written statements of proposed testimony and to limit their initial presentations to the committee to brief summaries thereof.

(B) In the case of a witness appearing in a nongovernmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include a curriculum vitae and a disclosure of any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, received during the current calendar year or either of the two previous calendar years by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness and related to the subject matter of the hearing.

(C) The disclosure referred to in subdivision (B) shall include—

(i) the amount and source of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) related to the subject matter of the hearing; and

(ii) the amount and country of origin of any payment or contract related to the subject matter of the hearing originating with a foreign government.

(D) Such statements, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy or security of the witness, shall be made publicly available in electronic form not later than one day after the witness appears.



**Lee White**

**Executive Director, National Coalition for History**

Since 2006, Lee White has served as the Executive Director of the National Coalition for History (NCH) in Washington, DC. A consortium of over 50 organizations, NCH advocates on federal legislative and regulatory issues affecting historians, archivists, educators, students, researchers, political scientists, genealogists and other stakeholders.

Mr. White represents the historical community before Congress, congressional committees and federal agencies with missions affecting historians – including the National Archives, the National Park Service, the Department of Education, and the National Endowment for the Humanities, Library of Congress and Institute of Museum and Library Services. He has testified before Congress and served as a member of the federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Advisory Committee. He has also collaborated with the open government community in working with federal agencies to reduce over-classification of government records, increase public access to unclassified records, speed the declassification process, and establish standards for the preservation and retrieval of federal and presidential electronic records.

Mr. White is an attorney with over thirty-five years of experience in government relations with trade associations, as well as several years with the federal government as a legislative counsel. In addition to a degree in law from The Catholic University of America, White also holds a Master's Degree in History from George Mason University and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Northeastern University.