

**Council of State Archivists
Society of American Archivists
National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators**

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David M. Ferriero
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Dear David:

For many decades CoSA, NAGARA, and SAA have worked with the National Archives and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission in ways that we believe have benefited both NARA and our members. Together we once again face the challenge of a proposed reduction in NHPRC funding to \$3 million. Much has been gained in the archives community with the help of NHPRC grant funds and we are deeply concerned about the impact of any reduction in funding.

The governing boards of SAA, NAGARA, and CoSA have endorsed a set of recommendations that we ask you and the Commission to consider when evaluating the grant program's priorities going forward – particularly in light of the potential for diminished funding in 2014. Please see the attached document. We would be grateful if you could share these recommendations with the Commission members before or during their meeting later this week. And we would, of course, welcome the opportunity to discuss them with you to address any concerns or questions you may have or wish to relay to our members.

Sincerely,



Jim Corridan, President
Council of State Archivists



Daphne DeLeon, President
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