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75 Friends of Preservation in Congress ... Who Aren't on the HP Caucus

As with advocacy at the local level, the best defense against threats is a good offense, that is, a critical mass of support – including support from elected officials. In Congress, this means a large, diverse and active Historic Preservation Caucus who will prevent bad things from happening to good policies and help us make real progress regardless of the budget climate.

Currently, the Historic Preservation Caucus includes 95 members in the House of Representatives. In total, there are 435 Representatives – which means about 22% of House is plugged into the caucus. If every Representative who has supported core preservation programs in the last two years joins the caucus (that is, those who have signed onto letters supporting adequate funding for Historic Preservation Fund programs, and those who are cosponsors of H.R.3159 which is made up of several positive amendments to the federal tax credit program) we'd have the coordinated support of 40% of the House of Representatives.

Are any of your Representatives on this list? If so, be sure to ask them to join – and thank them for their past support. Even if you can't attend Lobby Day this year, you can contribute to the effort by meeting with your Representatives in their district offices between March 20th and 24th – they'll be working in-district that week.

75 Potential HP Caucus Members:

These Representatives signed a letter asking for \$50 million for State Historic Preservation Officers in the FY2005 budget:

Chris Cannon (R-VT)
Dennis Cardoza (D-CA)
Mike Castle (R-DE)
John Conyers (D-MI)
Mike Ferguson (R-NJ)
Dennis Kucinich (D-OH)
John Larson (D-CT)
Betty McCollum (D-MN)
Thomas Reynolds (R-NY)
Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD)
Tim Ryan (D-OH)
Martin Sabo (D-MN)
Pete Stark (D-CA)
Ted Strickland (D-OH)
Bernard Sanders (I-VT)
Christopher Smith (R-NJ)

David Wu (D-OR)

These Representatives signed a letter asking for \$50 million for State Historic Preservation Officers, \$12 million for Tribal Historic Preservation Officers and support for Save America's Treasures in the FY2006 budget:

Shelley Berkley (D-NV)
Dave Camp (R-MI)
Lois Capps (D-CA)
Julia Carson (D-IN)
Ed Case (D-HI)
Mike Doyle (D-PA)
Barney Frank (D-MA)
Raul Grijalva (D-AZ)
Tim Holden (D-PA)
Mike Honda (D-PA)
Ron Kind (D-WI)
Sander Levin (D-MI)
Stephanie Lynch (D-MA)
Michael McNulty (D-NY)
Gwen Moore (D-WI)
James Oberstar (D-MN)
Collin Peterson (D-MN)
Jim Saxton (R-NJ)
Anthony Weiner (D-NY)
Robert Wexler (D-FL)
Jerry Weller (R-IL)

These Representatives signed letters asking for \$50 million for State Historic Preservation Officers for both FY2005 and FY2006. The FY2006 request included \$12 million for Tribal Historic Preservation Officers and support for Save America's Treasures.

Neil Abercrombie (D-HI)
Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD)
Madeleine Bordallo (D-GU) delegate
Rick Boucher (D-VA)
Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO)
Diana DeGette (D-CO)
Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)
John Duncan (R-TN)
Tom Lantos (D-CA)
Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ)

Nick Rahall (D-WV) Also sponsored H.R.3446, a clean reauthorization bill for National Historic Act programs

Janice Schakowky (D-IL)

David Scott (D-GA)

Ike Skelton (D-MO)

These Representatives are cosponsoring H.R.3159, which would substantially improve the rehabilitation tax credit program.

John Barrow (D-GA)

Bob Beauprez (R-CO)

Vernon Ehlers (R-MI)

Bob Filner (D-CA)

Mike Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Melissa Hart (R-PA)

William Jefferson (D-LA) He is H.R. 3159's minority-party co-sponsor

Nancy Johnson (R-CT)

Patrick Kennedy (D-RI)

Jeff Miller (R-FL)

Ron Paul (R-TX)

Adam Schiff (D-CA)

Allyson Schwartz (D-PA)

Christopher Shays (R-CT)

Bill Shuster (R-PA)

Rob Simmons (R-CT)

Frank Wolf (R-VA)

James McGovern (D-MA) signed the HPF support letter for FY2005 and is a cosponsor of HR3159.

Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY), Stephanie Herseth (D-SD), and Lamar Smith (R-TX) signed the HPF support letter for FY2006 and are cosponsoring HR3159

Dale Kildee (D-MI) signed HPF support letters for FY2005 and FY2006 AND is a cosponsor of HR3159.

For a list of Historic Preservation Caucus members, visit:

<http://www.preservationaction.org/caucus/caucus06.htm>