APSA Statement on Impact of 2018 Budget Request on Political Science

The President’s 2018 Budget Blueprint released on March 16 proposes to eliminate federal funding for programs of critical importance to political science research and education, including the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. The blueprint also identifies international education programs under the Department of Education for elimination or funding reductions. The American Political Science Association strongly opposes these cuts and reiterates its support for robust federal funding for the humanities and social sciences.

As the budget process progresses and Congress prepares appropriations bills, APSA members can play a key role by calling on Congress to oppose these cuts and to provide strong support for the humanities and social sciences. The National Humanities Alliance has prepared action alerts for contacting Members of Congress to oppose elimination of funding for the NEH and international programs. Members of Congress also can be reached by phone through the US Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121.

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