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U.S. House of Representatives
20th District, New York

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Marc N. Rupel, PhD
Division of Public Programs
National Endowment for the Humanities
400 7th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Dr. Rupel:

I write in support of the application from the Museum Association of New York to the National Endowment for the Humanities Public Humanities Projects Program. This funding will be used to produce a humanities discussion series on museums’ roles in the evolution of American Democracy.

The Museum Association of New York serves over 1,400 museums across New York State. Its mission is to help shape a better future for museums and museum professionals by uplifting best practices and building organizational capacity through advocacy, training, and networking opportunities. If awarded funding, the Museum Association of New York will support the work of twelve museums and their communities to explore, reflect on, and tell the story of their role in the evolution of American Democracy as we approach the 250th anniversary of America’s founding.

Like you, I am committed to supporting opportunities for lifelong learning. Your full and fair consideration of this request, consistent with current laws, rules, regulations, and agency policy, is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Tonko
Member of Congress

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