

SBL SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE

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Dear Colleague,

[News broke](#) on Thursday that the incoming Trump Administration is considering the elimination of NEH, along with other cultural agencies.

We all know that SBL has greatly benefited from the NEH. SBL's [Bible Odyssey](#), which receives over a million hits per year (and rising), has allowed SBL and its members to engage the public as never before. Bible Odyssey was made possible by a \$300,000 grant from the NEH!

But did you also know that SBL members have directly received NEH funding totaling \$7,241,463.82? Yes, that's \$7.2 million!

And those numbers do not include the funding the NEH has provided departments and humanities institutes at many of your institutions, or your state humanities councils.

SBL is a member of the [National Humanities Alliance](#), which has built considerable support in Congress over the past years, and you can add your voice to challenge this proposal.

How? You can take action and make clear to the President, the President's administration, and Members of Congress that you value federal funding for the humanities.

[Click here to take action.](#) And please encourage support on your social media networks.

Together, we will communicate that public support for the humanities benefits students, teachers, and communities across the country.

Sincerely,



John F. Kutsko
Executive Director