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## Vote smART: Will the Midterms Be a “Wave” Election?

On November 6, 2018, elections will be held for all 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as for six non-voting delegates. A third of the Senate (35 seats) will also be up for election. Specifically, Democrats must defend 26 of the 35 Senate seats this year, while only nine seats will be defended by Republicans. Of note, 10 of these Democratic Senators represent states that **President Trump** won in 2016. While this might be indicative of a tougher re-election bid for a Democrat, this could also become an advantage in those “purple” states where the President’s popularity continues to vacillate.

Currently, Republicans control the slimmest of margins in the Senate with 51 GOP members to 49 Democrats. Prospects of majority control flipping in the Senate appear to be a toss-up, since Democrats would have to win all 26 of their Senate seats as well as pick up two Republican-held seats. The most endangered GOP Senate seats include Senator **Dean Heller** of Nevada and the two open seats currently held by retiring Senators **Jeff Flake** of Arizona and **Bob Corker** of Tennessee. Democratic Senators facing very tough re-election bids this year include Senators **Bill Nelson** of Florida, **Joe Donnelly** of Indiana, **Claire McCaskill** of Missouri, **Heidi Heitkamp** of North Dakota, and **Joe Manchin** of West Virginia. In the House, Republicans control the majority with a wider margin of 240 GOP members to 195 Democrats. However, many experts believe that the House will likely bring in a wave of new Democrats for several reasons.

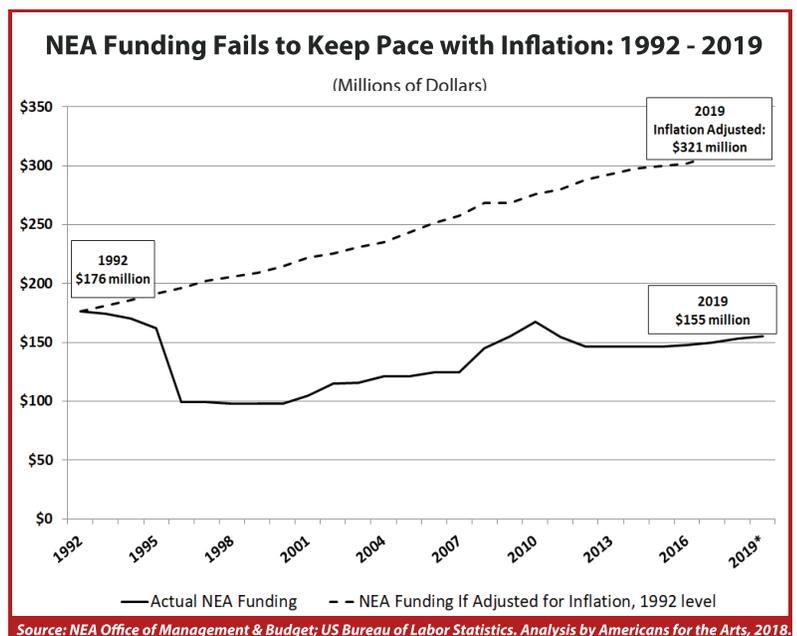
Historically, the President’s party loses Congressional seats during the first midterm. Many incumbent Republicans have also chosen **not** to run for re-election this year, as they faced serious challenges from a new crop of passionate Democratic candidates, representing women, minorities, veterans, small businesses, and youth. Contributing to this wave, Speaker of the House and top GOP leader **Paul Ryan** (R-WI) is retiring, as well as several powerful GOP leaders including House Appropriations Committee Chairman Rep. **Rodney Frelinghuysen** (R-NJ). Additionally, a handful of GOP members have been embroiled in headline-making scandals, including Reps. **Chris Collins** (R-NY), **Duncan Hunter** (R-CA), and **Blake Farenthold** (R-TX).

## What’s at stake for the arts?

Thankfully, arts advocates successfully called on Congress to reject **President Trump’s** attempts to terminate the nation’s federal cultural agencies this year, proving that we built a bipartisan, pro-arts Congress over the last 15 years. Some headway was even made with two consecutive small increases to the budgets for some of these agencies, like the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). However, funding for the arts and arts education is still woefully inadequate. Americans for the Arts Action Fund members adopted a vision of at least one dollar per capita of arts funding in America. Funding support at this level would be approximately \$321 million, instead of the NEA’s current level of \$155 million.

As you can see in the accompanying chart, if Congress had merely adjusted the NEA’s budget for inflation, arts funding would now be at our envisioned level today.

**Help elect more pro-arts candidates to Congress to ensure our vision becomes reality.**



## TWO-YEAR LEGISLATIVE NEA and NEH APPROPRIATIONS TIMELINE

<b>January 19, 2017</b>	On the eve of Donald Trump's inauguration, <i>The Hill</i> newspaper reports that Trump Transition Team staff intend to call for the elimination of the NEA and NEH in the President's first budget request (FY 2018) to be released in spring of 2017.
<b>March 16, 2017</b>	President Trump releases preliminary FY 2018 budget request to Congress. The proposed budget confirms his intention to eliminate the NEA, NEH, and other cultural agencies.
<b>May 21, 2017</b>	Under the new leadership of House Budget Chairman Diane Black (R-TN), the committee removes decade-old harmful language recommending the NEA's elimination.
<b>July 18, 2017</b>	House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Ken Calvert (R-CA) sets the initial funding level for the NEA and NEH at \$145 million each, soundly rejecting President Trump's attempt to eliminate the federal cultural agencies.
<b>September 14, 2017</b>	The House passes all 12 of the FY 2018 appropriations bills on the floor, retaining \$145 million for the NEA and NEH each.
<b>November 20, 2017</b>	Senate Appropriations Chairman Thad Cochran (R-MS) and Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) soundly reject President Trump's attempt to terminate the nation's cultural agencies by increasing FY 2018 arts funding to \$150 million for both the NEA and NEH.
<b>February 12, 2018</b>	While FY 2018 still remains unfinished and months late, the President releases his FY 2019 budget proposal, and again requests termination of the NEA and NEH. The proposal would provide minimal funds to bring about the closure of the agencies.
<b>March 21, 2018</b>	Congress finally passes the current year FY 2018 appropriations as a large scale Omnibus spending bill. During conference negotiations, Congress further increases NEA and NEH funding one more time by \$3 million, bringing their budgets up to \$153 million each. President Trump signs the Omnibus into law two days later.
<b>May 15, 2018</b>	The House Appropriations Subcommittee approves another consecutive year of funding increases for the NEA and NEH, bringing FY 2019 proposed funding to \$155 million, despite the President's recommendation to terminate the federal cultural agencies.
<b>June 14, 2018</b>	The Senate Appropriations Committee matches the FY 2019 House funding allocation of \$155 million to the NEA and NEH each.
<b>July 18, 2018</b>	The House votes overwhelmingly by a vote of 114 to 297, defeating a floor amendment offered by Rep. Glenn Grothman (R-WI) to cut the NEA and NEH's FY 2019 appropriations levels by 15 percent. The next day, the House votes for final passage of the appropriations bill, which includes the full \$155 million for both the NEA and NEH. The Senate also votes on final passage on August 1st.

# A Bipartisan Pro-Arts Congress Succeeds to #SAVEtheNEA

Americans for the Arts Action Fund PAC was founded on the principle of creating a bipartisan, pro-arts majority in Congress to help advance the arts and culture in America. Upon the election of President Trump, there had never been as direct a threat to the arts with the President’s own GOP party also in control of the House and Senate. The President made two attempts to terminate the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), and several other cultural programs in the FY 2018 and FY 2019 budgets. Despite the President’s budget recommendations, grassroots arts advocates convinced Republican Congressional leaders to soundly reject these requests both times and even increase federal appropriations for the arts in America. We would like to recognize key Congressional committee leaders, who helped to galvanize this kind of bipartisan support for the arts.



*Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)*



*Senator Tom Udall (D-NM)*



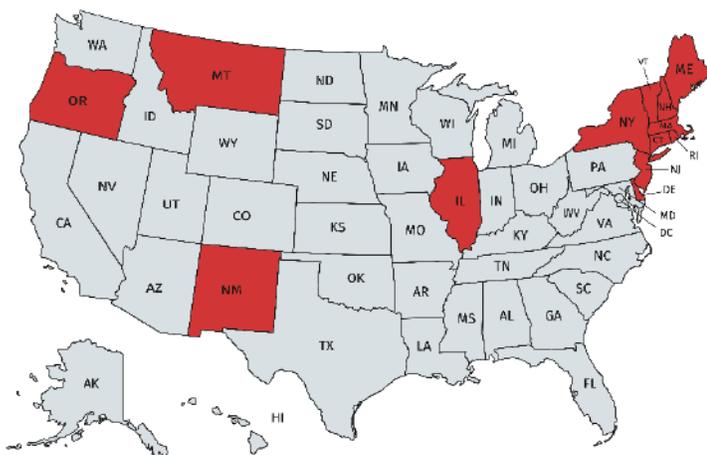
*Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)*



*Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN)*

In fact, a record number of Republican Senate and House members joined their Democratic colleagues to preserve the federal government’s role in promoting access and excellence to the arts in communities large and small across the country. This commitment was put to the test on July 18, 2018, when an overwhelming 297 House members (112 GOP and 185 Democrats) voted together to defeat a specific floor amendment offered by **Rep. Glenn Grothman (R-WI)**. That amendment would have cut both NEA and NEH funding by 15 percent. There were an impressive 17 states that had 100 percent of its Congressional Representatives earn pro-arts grades of B or better in our 2018 Congressional Arts Report Card, which meant specifically voting against the Grothman Amendment. Congratulations to: **Alaska, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wyoming.**

In the Senate, a total of 22 states saw both of their Senators receive a Thumbs Up pro-arts score. Congratulations to: **California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and West Virginia.**



Big congratulations to the “**Lucky 13**” states that had both 100 percent pro-arts grades of B or better in the House, and a double Thumbs Up in the Senate:

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Connecticut</i>   | <i>New Hampshire</i> |
| <i>Delaware</i>      | <i>New Jersey</i>    |
| <i>Illinois</i>      | <i>New Mexico</i>    |
| <i>Maine</i>         | <i>New York</i>      |
| <i>Massachusetts</i> | <i>Oregon</i>        |
| <i>Montana</i>       | <i>Rhode Island</i>  |
|                      | <i>Vermont</i>       |

## Congressional Arts & STEAM Caucuses: Advancing the Arts and Arts Education in the House

On March 16, 2018, former-Rep. Louise M. Slaughter – a fierce arts advocate and the founder and co-Chair of the Congressional Arts Caucus – passed away unexpectedly. The Arts Action Fund held a congressional reception on Capitol Hill in celebration of her significant contributions to the arts. There, House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) named Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME) as the incoming Democratic Arts Caucus Chair, joining Rep. Leonard Lance (R-NJ) in leading this bipartisan caucus.



Rep. Louise Slaughter (D-NY)



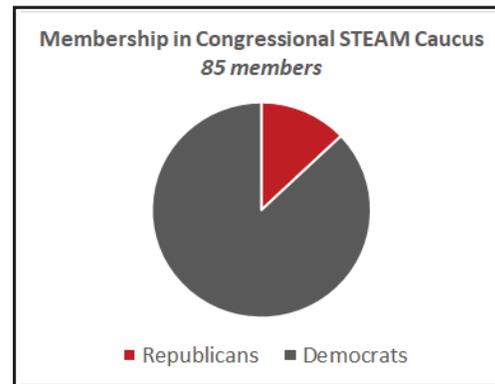
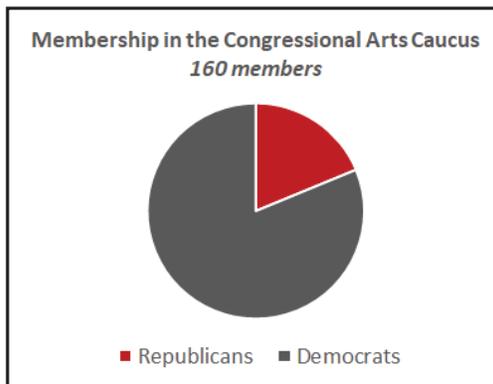
Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME)



Rep. Leonard Lance (R-NJ)

One of the longest-running, largest and most active caucuses on Capitol Hill, the Congressional Arts Caucus has been indispensable in organizing resources for advancing pro-arts policies in Congress over the past 30 years. Through various events and briefings throughout the year, the 160-member Caucus aims to educate House members and staff about a wide range of arts policies and trends in research on the economic, educational and societal impact of the arts in America. It is also the official congressional coordinating host of National Arts Advocacy Day. Caucus members and their legislative staff are consistently relied upon to not only support arts legislation on the House floor or in the relevant committees, but also to defend any attempts to cut the budgets of the various federal cultural agencies.

The Caucus continues to be an invaluable bipartisan partner for the nonprofit arts and an important ally for preserving the federal role for arts and culture in America.



Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR)



Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY)

The Congressional STEAM Caucus launched a few years ago and currently has 85 House members. Founded and co-chaired by Reps. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) and Elise Stefanik (R-NY), they have been a force for securing key provisions in important education legislation, including amendments in the K-12 education law to support schools that integrate academic subjects, including the arts, into STEM courses. They also unanimously secured in committee a provision to support the integration of arts and design skills into career and technical education programs.

In addition, Rep. Bonamici is the sole member of Congress who received the maximum possible numeric score for her pro-arts leadership by taking every possible pro-arts action (all 12 indicators) in the 2018 Congressional Arts Report Card. Congratulations!

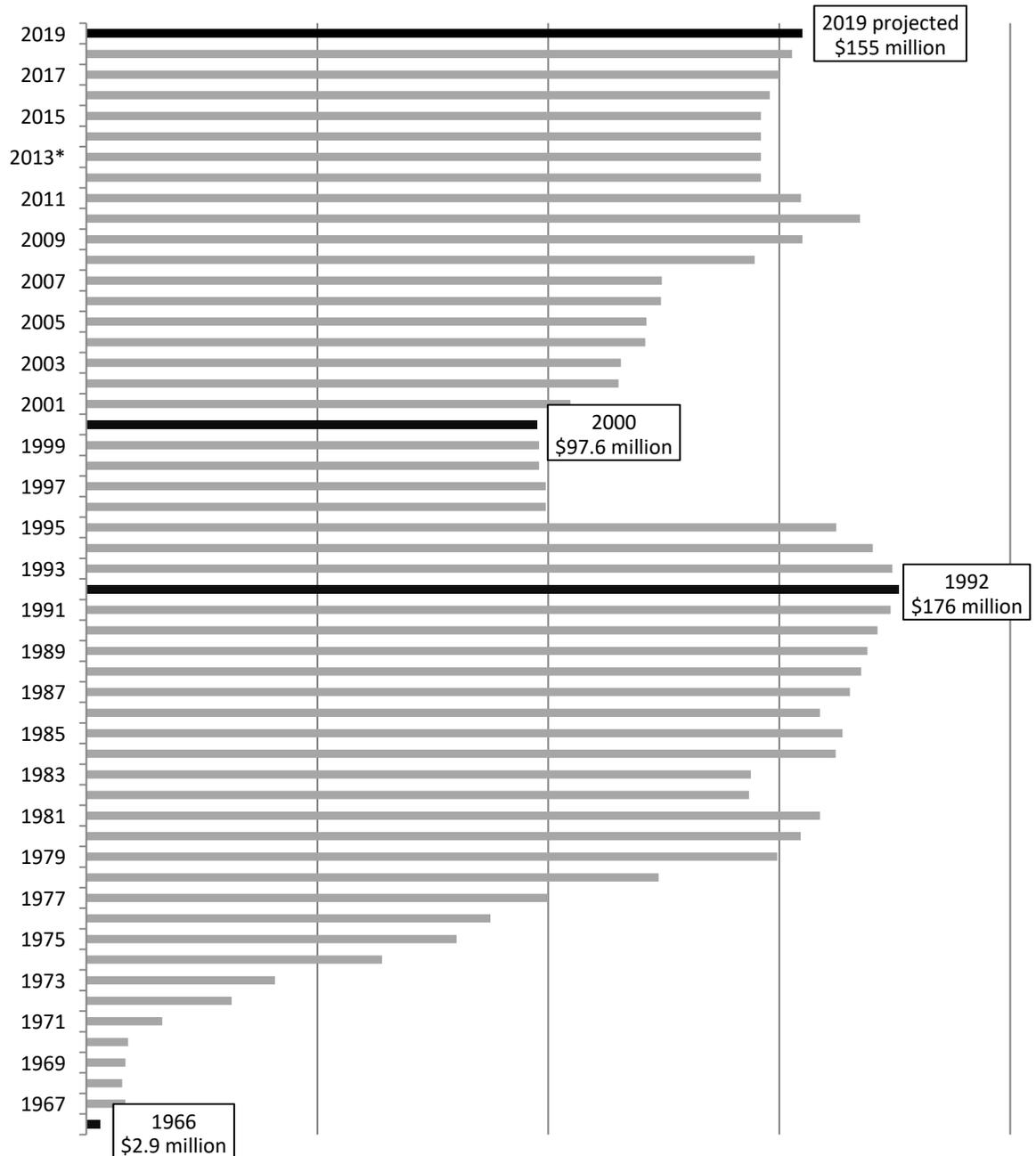
# NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS APPROPRIATIONS HISTORY

Fiscal Year	Total Funds
2019	\$ 155,000,000
2018	\$ 152,800,000
2017	\$ 150,000,000
2016	\$ 147,949,000
2015	\$ 146,021,000
2014	\$ 146,021,000
2013*	\$ 146,020,000
2012	\$ 146,020,992
2011	\$ 154,690,000
2010	\$ 167,500,000
2009	\$ 155,000,000
2008	\$ 144,706,800
2007	\$ 124,561,844
2006	\$ 124,406,353
2005	\$ 121,263,000
2004	\$ 120,971,000
2003	\$ 115,731,000
2002	\$ 115,220,000
2001	\$ 104,769,000
2000	\$ 97,627,600
1999	\$ 97,966,000
1998	\$ 98,000,000
1997	\$ 99,494,000
1996	\$ 99,470,000
1995	\$ 162,311,000
1994	\$ 170,228,000
1993	\$ 174,459,382
1992	\$ 175,954,680
1991	\$ 174,080,737
1990	\$ 171,255,000
1989	\$ 169,090,000
1988	\$ 167,731,000
1987	\$ 165,281,000
1986	\$ 158,822,040
1985	\$ 163,660,000
1984	\$ 162,223,000
1983	\$ 143,875,000
1982	\$ 143,456,000
1981	\$ 158,795,000
1980	\$ 154,610,000
1979	\$ 149,585,000
1978	\$ 123,850,000
1977	\$ 99,872,000
1976	\$ 87,455,000
1975	\$ 80,142,000
1974	\$ 64,025,000
1973	\$ 40,857,000
1972	\$ 31,480,000
1971	\$ 16,420,000
1970	\$ 9,055,000
1969	\$ 8,456,875
1968	\$ 7,774,291
1967	\$ 8,475,692
1966	\$ 2,898,308

## Arts Facts . . . National Endowment for the Arts

The NEA supports the creation, preservation, and presentation of the arts in America - a profound responsibility, yet funded by Congress at a rate of just 47 cents per capita.

## NEA Appropriations History Fiscal Years 1967 to 2019



\* In FY2013 this total was reduced to \$138.4 million through sequestration under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act amended by PL 112-240

# ABOUT THE HOUSE GRADING SYSTEM

## House Members Received Grades Based on 12 Indicators of Pro-Arts Support:

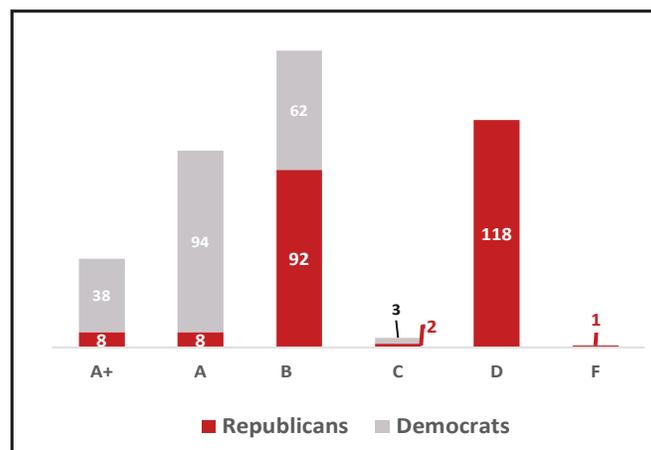
- ❖ Indicators ①, ② and ③ represent membership in the Congressional Arts Caucus, STEAM Caucus and the Humanities Caucus, respectively. **(4 points each)**
- ❖ Indicators ④, ⑤, ⑥ and ⑦ represent signing one of four “Dear Colleague” letters directed to the House Appropriations Committee in support of increased funding of the federal cultural agencies. **(5 points each)**
- ❖ Indicator ⑧ represents a major floor vote on arts funding. **(60 points)**
- ❖ Indicator ⑨ represents a floor vote on afterschool funding. **(4 points)**
- ❖ Indicator ⑩ represents a floor vote on the final tax reform bill with impact to charities. **(2 points)**
- ❖ Indicator ⑪ represents participation in the congressional high school art competition. **(2 points)**
- ❖ Indicator ⑫ represents special recognition for outstanding pro-arts leadership. **(40 bonus points)**

Grade	Score Range	Count
A+	100+	46
A	85-99	102
B	60-84	154
C	20-59	5
D	1-19	118
F	0	1
N/A	N/A	15

2018 marks the first time in eight years that a targeted floor amendment vote was recorded on proposed funding cuts to the NEA and NEH. As a result, the Arts Action Fund PAC was able to assign specific letter grades this year instead of a general “Thumbs Up.” The floor amendment, offered by **Rep. Glenn Grothman** (R-WI), attempted to cut funding to the NEA and NEH, each by 15 percent. This amendment was soundly defeated by a vote of 114-297. The pro-arts position would have been to vote “No” on the amendment. This vote was so important that the Arts Action Fund PAC awarded 60 points out of 100 to those House members who voted “No,” which would give them a minimum grade of “B.”

A total of 46 House members received an A+ by either earning a perfect score on the top 11 arts indicators, or by earning bonus points for outstanding arts leadership (Indicator ⑫ see list on page 7.) An additional 102 House members received an A and 154 members received a B. Then at the lowest end of the grading spectrum, 119 House members voted consistently against the arts or took few, if any, pro-arts actions thereby receiving grades of D or F. We also modified the grade scale for members who came into office part way through a term, vacant seats, or for the Speaker of House, who typically does not vote. We also recognize that some members missed important votes for reasons that may have been beyond their control. Members who missed the key Grothman Amendment vote (Indicator ⑧)—but whose record otherwise demonstrated a pro-arts position—received 30 points, half the point value of the vote. For those U.S. territory and District of Columbia delegates, who cannot vote on legislation, we did not assign grades but instead published measures of arts support for reference purposes only.

**For a complete breakdown of House members' report card grades by party affiliation, please refer to the chart below.**



# Outstanding House Arts Leadership Designation

The Arts Action Fund PAC designated the following 25 Members of the House of Representatives with additional pro-arts bonus points for exhibiting outstanding pro-arts leadership during the 2017-18 Congressional work period.

- Rep. Diane Black (R-TN)** while as new Chairman of the House Budget Committee, Rep. Black removed, for the first time, longstanding report language in the federal budget that recommended eliminating funding for the NEA and NEH.
- Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR)** serves as co-Chair of the Congressional STEAM Caucus and champions the integration of the arts into STEM fields, as well as defends the NEA from funding cuts and secures support for key pro-arts policy provisions.
- Rep. Robert Brady (D-PA)** organized a Member letter to President Trump, urging full funding for the NEA and NEH in March 2017.
- Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)** serves as Chairman of the House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee and steered increased funding to the NEA and NEH, despite the Trump Administration's efforts to terminate the agencies.
- Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK)** serves on the House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee and regularly promotes the good work of the NEA during committee hearings and behind-the-scenes.
- Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)** regularly speaks out in support of the arts and the humanities, including annually at National Arts Advocacy Day and the International Festival of Arts & Ideas in Connecticut.
- Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI)** introduced House legislation (CREATE Act, H.R. 1649) to support the creative economy.
- Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ)** serves as Chair of the House Appropriations Committee and regularly makes strong public comments to his fellow committee members about the "good work" of both Endowments.
- Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD)** serves as co-Chair of the Recording Arts & Sciences Congressional Caucus and annually hosts a Leadership Luncheon on National Arts Advocacy Day.
- Rep. Leonard Lance (R-NJ)** co-Chairs both the Congressional Arts Caucus and the Congressional Humanities Caucus. He leads key pro-arts Dear Colleague letters to increase funding for the NEA and NEH. He received the Americans for the Arts 2018 Congressional Arts Leadership award presented in partnership with The United States Conference of Mayors.
- Rep. John Lewis (D-GA)** sponsors the Artist-Museum Partnership Act (H.R. 1830) that would allow artists to take an income tax deduction for the fair market value of their work when they donate it to charitable collecting institutions.
- Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY)** serves as Ranking Member of the House Appropriations Committee and leads efforts in committee to defend and promote increased funding for the nation's cultural agencies.
- Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN)** serves as the Ranking Member on the House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee. She champions historic preservation and increased funding of America's cultural resources.
- Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-NY)** champions copyright protections for artists and leads efforts to update music licensing laws.
- Rep. Richard Neal (D-MA)** is the Ranking Member of the House Ways and Means Committee and has been a strong advocate for preserving the charitable tax deduction along with other tax policies affecting nonprofit charities.
- Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)** is an outspoken defender of the creative industries. As House Democratic Leader, she regularly speaks out to recognize and celebrate the achievements and contributions of artists and cultural organizations in America.
- Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME)** serves as co-Chair of the Congressional Arts Caucus and was instrumental in gaining support for dedicated appropriations to honor the arts and humanities legacy of the late-Rep. Louise Slaughter. She also serves as a Congressional Ex-Officio member of the NEA's National Council on the Arts.
- Rep. David Price (D-NC)** co-Chairs the Congressional Humanities Caucus, where he advances critical pro-arts Dear Colleague letters, including support for federal funding for the humanities.
- Rep. Mike Simpson (R-ID)** serves as Vice Chairman of the House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee. He is the former chairman of this subcommittee and has been a consistent advocate of federal investment in the arts.
- Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ)** sponsors the Charitable Giving Tax Deduction Act (H.R. 5771) to encourage charitable giving by allowing all taxpayers the option to deduct charitable donations, which is a key ask of the nonprofit community.
- Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY)** is co-Chair of the Congressional STEAM Caucus and has successfully secured support for key amendments that integrate arts and design skills training into career and technical education programs.
- Rep. G.T. Thompson (R-PA)** appointed to serve as a Congressional Ex-Officio member of the NEA's National Council on the Arts.
- Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY)** provides instrumental support for museums, annually leading the OMS funding letter, and initiates peer-to-peer advocacy for the arts and humanities.
- Rep. Nydia Velázquez (D-NY)** champions the American Arts Revival Act (H.R. 2970), that would ease student loan debt for professionals employed in the arts.
- Rep. Mark Walker (R-NC)** sponsors the Universal Charitable Giving Act (H.R. 3988) to help incentivize donations to charity to help nonprofits and the communities they serve, including the arts.

## HOW TO READ THE U.S. HOUSE ARTS SUPPORT INDICATORS

- 1** Membership in the Congressional Arts Caucus as of 8/30/2018. The list is maintained by caucus co-Chairs Reps. Chellie Pingree (D-ME) and Leonard Lance (R-NJ).

**Date:** As of 8/30/2018      **Result:** 160 Members      **Pro-arts:** Member YES

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- 2** Membership in the Congressional STEAM Caucus as of 8/30/2018. The list is maintained by caucus co-Chairs Reps. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) and Elise Stefanik (R-NY).

**Date:** As of 8/30/2018      **Result:** 85 Members      **Pro-arts:** Member YES

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- 3** Membership in the Congressional Humanities Caucus as of 8/30/2018. The list is maintained by caucus co-Chairs Reps. David Price (D-NC) and Leonard Lance (R-NJ).

**Date:** As of 8/30/2018      **Result:** 76 Members      **Pro-arts:** Member YES

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- 4** Cosigned a "Dear Colleague" letter on March 16, 2018, asking House appropriators to support an increased funding level of "at least" \$155 million for the National Endowment for the Arts in FY 2019. The letter was initiated by Congressional Arts Caucus co-Chairs late-Rep. Louise Slaughter (D-NY) and Rep. Leonard Lance (R-NJ). \*

**Date:** 3/16/2018      **Result:** 166 Signatories      **Pro-arts:** Cosigned YES

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- 5** Cosigned a "Dear Colleague" letter on March 30, 2017, asking House appropriators to support a funding level of \$155 million for the National Endowment for the Arts in FY 2018. The letter was initiated by Congressional Arts Caucus co-Chairs late-Rep. Louise Slaughter (D-NY) and Rep. Leonard Lance (R-NJ). \*

**Date:** 3/30/2017      **Result:** 154 Signatories      **Pro-arts:** Cosigned YES

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- 6** Cosigned a "Dear Colleague" letter on March 19, 2018, from Reps. Paul Tonko (D-NY), David McKinley (R-WV), and Arts Caucus co-Chairs late-Rep. Louise Slaughter (D-NY) and Rep. Leonard Lance (R-NJ) supporting "robust" funding for the Office of Museum Services in FY 2019. \*

**Date:** 3/19/2018      **Result:** 183 Signatories      **Pro-arts:** Cosigned YES

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- 7** Cosigned a "Dear Colleague" letter on March 16, 2018, from Reps. David Price (D-NC) and Leonard Lance (R-NJ) supporting an increased funding level of "at least" \$155 million for the National Endowment for the Humanities in FY 2019. \*

**Date:** 3/16/2018      **Result:** 166 Signatories      **Pro-arts:** Cosigned YES

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- 8** Voted against the Grothman Amendment on the floor to cut funding for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) by 15 percent each.

**Date:** 7/18/2018      **Result:** Failed by a vote of 114 – 297      **Pro-arts:** Voted NO

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- 9** Voted to increase funding for 21st Century Community Learning Centers by \$100 million. This program is a critical source of funding for many afterschool arts programs, especially in higher poverty areas.

**Date:** 9/13/2017      **Result:** Passed by a vote of 228-188      **Pro-arts:** Voted YES

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- 10** Voted against H.R. 1 on December 20, 2017—legislation that could negatively affect charitable giving. H.R. 1 was a comprehensive rewrite of the U.S. tax code. It included a doubling of the "standard deduction," which is projected to result in more taxpayers giving less to charity, including the arts.

**Date:** 12/20/2017      **Result:** Passed by a vote of 224-201      **Pro-arts:** Voted NO

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- 11** Participated in the 2018 annual Congressional Art Competition recognizing high school visual arts students from each participating U.S. Congressional district.

**Date:** 6/27/2018      **Result:** 432 Participants      **Pro-arts:** Participated YES

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- 12** There were 25 members of the House of Representatives who received additional recognition for exhibiting outstanding pro-arts leadership. **For details, see page 7.**

\* Appropriations Subcommittee members typically do not sign "Dear Colleague" letters, but many still support the ask.

# THE HOUSE REPORT CARD

District	Representative (Party)	Notes as of 8/30/2018	2018 Grade	2016 Thumbs Up	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>ALABAMA</b>																
4	Aderholt, Robert (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	○	●
5	Brooks, Mo (R)		D		○	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
1	Byrne, Bradley (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
6	Palmer, Gary (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
2	Roby, Martha (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	*	○	○	○	●
3	Rogers, Mike (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
7	Sewell, Terri (D)		B	👍	●	○	○	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●
<b>ALASKA</b>																
1	Young, Don (R)		A	👍	○	○	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	○	○	●
<b>AMERICAN SAMOA</b>																
1	Radewagen, Amata (R)	Delegates cannot vote	N/A		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>ARIZONA</b>																
5	Biggs, Andy (R)	Took office 1/3/2017	D	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
7	Gallego, Ruben (D)		A	👍	●	○	○	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●
4	Gosar, Paul (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
3	Grijalva, Raul (D)		A+	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
8	Lesko, Debbie (R)	Took office 5/7/2018	N/A	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
1	O'Halleran, Tom (D)	Took office 1/3/2017	A	N/A	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
2	McSally, Martha (R)	Running for Senate	D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
6	Schweikert, David (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
9	Sinema, Kyrsten (D)	Running for Senate	A	👍	●	●	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
<b>ARKANSAS</b>																
1	Crawford, Rick (R)		B	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
2	Hill, French (R)		B	👍	●	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
4	Westerman, Bruce (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
3	Womack, Steve (R)		B	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>																
31	Aguilar, Pete (D)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●
44	Barragán, Nanette (D)	Took office 1/3/2017	B	N/A	○	○	○	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●
37	Bass, Karen (D)		C	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	*	●	●	●	●
7	Bera, Ami (D)		B	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
26	Brownley, Julia (D)		A+	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
42	Calvert, Ken (R)		A+	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
24	Carbajal, Salud (D)	Took office 1/3/2017	A	N/A	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
29	Cárdenas, Tony (D)		B	👍	●	●	○	●	●	●	○	*	●	●	●	●
27	Chu, Judy (D)		A	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
8	Cook, Paul (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
46	Correa, Lou (D)	Took office 1/3/2017	B	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
16	Costa, Jim (D)		B	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
53	Davis, Susan (D)		A	👍	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
10	Denham, Jeff (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
11	DeSaulnier, Mark (D)		A	👍	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
18	Eshoo, Anna (D)		A	👍	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
3	Garamendi, John (D)		A	👍	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
34	Gomez, Jimmy (D)	Took office 7/11/2017	B	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
2	Huffman, Jared (D)		A	👍	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
50	Hunter, Duncan (R)		D	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
49	Issa, Darrell (R)	Retiring from Congress	D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
17	Khanna, Ro (D)	Took office 1/3/2017	B	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
25	Knight, Stephen (R)		B	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
1	LaMalfa, Doug (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
13	Lee, Barbara (D)		A	👍	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
33	Lieu, Ted (D)		A+	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
19	Lofgren, Zoe (D)		A	👍	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
47	Lowenthal, Alan (D)		A	👍	●	●	○	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●
6	Matsui, Doris (D)		A+	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
23	McCarthy, Kevin (R)		D	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
4	McClintock, Tom (R)		D		●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
9	McNerney, Jerry (D)		B	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
32	Napolitano, Grace (D)		B	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	*	●
22	Nunes, Devin (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
20	Panetta, Jimmy (D)	Took office 1/3/2017	A	N/A	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
12	Pelosi, Nancy (D)		A+	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
52	Peters, Scott (D)		A	👍	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
48	Rohrabacher, Dana (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

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<b>CALIFORNIA (cont.)</b>																	
40	Roybal-Allard, Lucille (D)		B	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	
39	Royce, Edward (R)	<i>Retiring from Congress</i>	D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	
36	Ruiz, Raul (D)		B	👍	○	○	○	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	
38	Sánchez, Linda (D)		A	👍	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
28	Schiff, Adam (D)		A+	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
30	Sherman, Brad (D)		B	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	
14	Speier, Jackie (D)		B	👍	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	●	
15	Swalwell, Eric (D)		B		○	○	○	○	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	
41	Takano, Mark (D)		A+	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
5	Thompson, Mike (D)		A	👍	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
35	Torres, Norma (D)		B		○	○	○	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	
21	Valadao, David (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	○	●	
51	Vargas, Juan (D)		B	👍	○	○	○	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	
45	Walters, Mimi (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	
43	Waters, Maxine (D)		B	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	
<b>COLORADO</b>																	
4	Buck, Ken (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
6	Coffman, Mike (R)		B	👍	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	
1	DeGette, Diana (D)		A	👍	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
5	Lamborn, Doug (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	●	
7	Perlmutter, Ed (D)		A	👍	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
2	Polis, Jared (D)	<i>Running for Governor</i>	A+	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
3	Tipton, Scott (R)		B	👍	○	○	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>																	
2	Courtney, Joseph (D)		A	👍	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
3	DeLauro, Rosa (D)		A+	👍	●	○	●	●	●	○	●	●	*	●	●	●	
5	Esty, Elizabeth (D)		A	👍	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
4	Himes, Jim (D)		A	👍	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
1	Larson, John (D)		A	👍	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
<b>DELAWARE</b>																	
1	Blunt Rochester, Lisa (D)	<i>Took office 1/3/2017</i>	A	N/A	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>																	
1	Norton, Eleanor H. (D)	<i>Delegates cannot vote</i>	N/A	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	
<b>FLORIDA</b>																	
12	Bilirakis, Gus (R)		B	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	○	●	
16	Buchanan, Vern (R)		B	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	○	●	
14	Castor, Kathy (D)		A	👍	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
13	Crist, Charlie (D)	<i>Took office 1/3/2017</i>	B	N/A	○	○	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
26	Curbelo, Carlos (R)		B	👍	○	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	○	○	●	
10	Demings, Val (D)	<i>Took office 1/3/2017</i>	B	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	
6	DeSantis, Ron (R)	<i>Running for Governor</i>	D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	*	○	○	○	●	
22	Deutch, Ted (D)		A	👍	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
25	Diaz-Balart, Mario (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	*	○	●	
2	Dunn, Neal (R)	<i>Took office 1/3/2017</i>	D	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
21	Frankel, Lois (D)		A	👍	●	●	○	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	
1	Gaetz, Matt (R)	<i>Took office 1/3/2017</i>	D	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	*	●	○	○	●	
20	Hastings, Alcee (D)		A+	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
5	Lawson, Al (D)	<i>Took office 1/3/2017</i>	B	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	●	*	●	●	●	
18	Mast, Brian (R)	<i>Took office 1/3/2017</i>	B	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●	
7	Murphy, Stephanie (D)	<i>Took office 1/3/2017</i>	A	N/A	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
8	Posey, Bill (R)		D	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	*	○	○	●	
19	Rooney, Francis (R)	<i>Took office 1/3/2017</i>	D	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	*	○	●	
17	Rooney, Tom (R)	<i>Retiring from Congress</i>	D	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
27	Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R)	<i>Retiring from Congress</i>	B	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	*	○	●	
15	Ross, Dennis (R)	<i>Retiring from Congress</i>	B	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	*	○	●	
4	Rutherford, John (R)	<i>Took office 1/3/2017</i>	B	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
9	Soto, Darren (D)	<i>Took office 1/3/2017</i>	B	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
23	Wasserman Schultz, Debbie (D)		B	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
11	Webster, Daniel (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
24	Wilson, Frederica (D)		B	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
3	Yoho, Ted (R)		D	👍	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●

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<b>GEORGIA</b>																
12	Allen, Rick (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
2	Bishop, Sanford (D)		B	👍	○	●	●	○	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	●
1	Carter, Earl (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
9	Collins, Doug (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	○	●
3	Ferguson, Drew (R)	Took office 1/3/2017	D	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
14	Graves, Tom (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
6	Handel, Karen C. (R)	Took office 6/26/2017	B	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●
10	Hice, Jody (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
4	Johnson, Hank (D)		A	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●
5	Lewis, John (D)		A+	👍	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
11	Loudermilk, Barry (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	*	○	○	●
8	Scott, Austin (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
13	Scott, David (D)		A	👍	○	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
7	Woodall, Robert (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
<b>GUAM</b>																
1	Bordallo, Madeleine (D)	Delegates cannot vote	N/A	👍	○	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
<b>HAWAII</b>																
2	Gabbard, Tulsi (D)		A	👍	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
1	Hanabusa, Colleen (D)	Running for Governor	C	N/A	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	
<b>IDAHO</b>																
1	Labrador, Raul (R)	Defeated in Governor's primary	D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	*	○	○	○	●
2	Simpson, Michael (R)		A+	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●
<b>ILLINOIS</b>																
12	Bost, Mike (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●
17	Bustos, Cheri (D)		A	👍	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
7	Davis, Danny (D)		A	👍	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
13	Davis, Rodney (R)		B	👍	○	●	○	○	○	●	○	●	○	○	○	●
11	Foster, Bill (D)		A	👍	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
4	Gutiérrez, Luis (D)	Retiring from Congress	A	👍	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
14	Hultgren, Randy (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●
2	Kelly, Robin (D)		B		○	○	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
16	Kinzinger, Adam (R)		B	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●
8	Krishnamoorthi, Raja (D)	Took office 1/3/2017	B	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●
18	LaHood, Darin (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●
3	Lipinski, Daniel (D)		A	👍	●	●	●	○	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	●
5	Quigley, Michael (D)		A	👍	●	●	○	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●
6	Roskam, Peter (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
1	Rush, Bobby (D)		A	👍	○	○	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
9	Schakowsky, Janice (D)		A+	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
10	Schneider, Brad (D)	Took office 1/3/2017	A	N/A	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
15	Shimkus, John (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●
<b>INDIANA</b>																
3	Banks, Jim (R)	Took office 1/3/2017	D	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
5	Brooks, Susan (R)		B	👍	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●
8	Bucshon, Larry (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
7	Carson, André (D)		A+	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
9	Hollingsworth, Trey (R)	Took office 1/3/2017	B	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●
6	Messer, Luke (R)	Defeated in Senate primary	D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
4	Rokita, Todd (R)	Defeated in Senate primary	D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
1	Visclosky, Peter (D)		B	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●
2	Walorski, Jackie (R)		B		○	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
<b>IOWA</b>																
1	Blum, Rod (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●
4	King, Steve (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
2	Loebbeck, David (D)		A+	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
3	Young, David (R)		B	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●

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<b>KANSAS</b>																	
4	Estes, Ron (R)	Took office 4/29/2017	D	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	
2	Jenkins, Lynn (R)	Retiring from Congress	D	👍	●	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	
1	Marshall, Roger (R)	Took office 1/3/2017	B	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●	
3	Yoder, Kevin (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●	
<b>KENTUCKY</b>																	
6	Barr, Andy (R)		D	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●	○	●	
1	Comer, James (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	
2	Guthrie, Brett (R)		D	👍	●	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	
4	Massie, Thomas (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	
5	Rogers, Harold (R)		B	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	○	●
3	Yarmuth, John (D)		A+	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
<b>LOUISIANA</b>																	
5	Abraham, Ralph (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	
6	Graves, Garret (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	
3	Higgins, Clay (R)	Took office 1/3/2017	D	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	
4	Johnson, Mike (R)	Took office 1/3/2017	D	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	●	
2	Richmond, Cedric (D)		C	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	*	●	●	●
1	Scalise, Steve (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	*	*	○	●	
<b>MAINE</b>																	
2	Poliquin, Bruce (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
1	Pingree, Chellie (D)		A+	👍	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
<b>MARYLAND</b>																	
4	Brown, Anthony (D)	Took office 1/3/2017	A	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
7	Cummings, Elijah (D)		A	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
6	Delaney, John (D)	Running for 2020 President	A	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
1	Harris, Andy (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
5	Hoyer, Steny (D)		A+	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
8	Raskin, Jamie (D)	Took office 1/3/2017	A+	N/A	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
2	Ruppersberger, Dutch (D)		A	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
3	Sarbanes, John (D)		A	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>																	
7	Capuano, Michael (D)	Defeated in primary	A+	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
5	Clark, Katherine (D)		B	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
9	Keating, William (D)		A	👍	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
4	Kennedy, Joseph (D)		A	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
8	Lynch, Stephen (D)		A	👍	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
2	McGovern, James (D)		A+	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
6	Moulton, Seth (D)		A	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
1	Neal, Richard (D)		A+	👍	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
3	Tsongas, Niki (D)	Retiring from Congress	A	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
<b>MICHIGAN</b>																	
3	Amash, Justin (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
1	Bergman, Jack (R)		B	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
8	Bishop, Mike (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
13	vacant (Rep. Conyers)	Special election 11/6/2018	N/A														
12	Dingell, Debbie (D)		A+	👍	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
2	Huizenga, Bill (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
5	Kildee, Daniel (D)		A	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
14	Lawrence, Brenda (D)		A	👍	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
9	Levin, Sander (D)	Retiring from Congress	A	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
10	Mitchell, Paul (R)	Took office 1/3/2017	B	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
4	Moolenaar, John (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
11	Trott, Dave (R)	Retiring from Congress	B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
6	Upton, Fred (R)		B	👍	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
7	Walberg, Tim (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●

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<b>MINNESOTA</b>																
5	Ellison, Keith (D)	<i>Running for Attorney General</i>	A	👍	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
6	Emmer, Tom (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
2	Lewis, Jason (R)	<i>Took office 1/3/2017</i>	D	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
4	McCollum, Betty (D)		A+	👍	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●
8	Nolan, Richard (D)	<i>Retiring from Congress</i>	A	👍	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
3	Paulsen, Erik (R)		B	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	○	●
7	Peterson, Collin (D)		B	👍	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	
1	Walz, Timothy (D)	<i>Running for Governor</i>	B	👍	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	*	●	●	●	
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>																
3	Harper, Gregg (R)	<i>Retiring from Congress</i>	B		●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●
1	Kelly, Trent (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
4	Palazzo, Steven (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●
2	Thompson, Bennie (D)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	○	●
<b>MISSOURI</b>																
1	Clay, William Lacy (D)		B	👍	●	○	○	○	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●
5	Cleaver, Emanuel (D)		A	👍	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
6	Graves, Sam (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	*	○	○	●
4	Hartzler, Vicky (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
7	Long, Billy (R)		B	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●
3	Luetkemeyer, Blaine (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
8	Smith, Jason (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
2	Wagner, Ann (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	*	○	○	●
<b>MONTANA</b>																
1	Gianforte, Greg (R)	<i>Took office 6/21/2017</i>	B	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●
<b>NEBRASKA</b>																
2	Bacon, Don (R)	<i>Took office 1/3/2017</i>	B	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●
1	Fortenberry, Jeff (R)		B	👍	○	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●
3	Smith, Adrian (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
<b>NEVADA</b>																
2	Amodei, Mark (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●
4	Kihuen, Ruben (D)	<i>Retiring from Congress</i>	A	N/A	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	●
3	Rosen, Jacky (D)	<i>Running for Senate</i>	A	N/A	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	●
1	Titus, Dina (D)		A	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	●
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>																
2	Kuster, Ann McLane (D)		A	👍	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
1	Shea-Porter, Carol (D)	<i>Retiring from Congress</i>	A	N/A	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>																
11	Frelinghuysen, Rodney (R)	<i>Retiring from Congress</i>	A+	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	●	●
5	Gottheimer, Josh (D)	<i>Took office 1/3/2017</i>	B	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
7	Lance, Leonard (R)		A+	👍	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
2	LoBiondo, Frank (R)	<i>Retiring from Congress</i>	B	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●
3	MacArthur, Tom (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
1	Norcross, Donald W. (D)		A	👍	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
6	Pallone, Frank (D)		A	👍	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
9	Pascrell, Bill (D)		A	👍	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
10	Payne Jr., Donald (D)		A	👍	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
8	Sires, Albio (D)		A	👍	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●
4	Smith, Christopher (R)		A+		○	○	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●
12	Watson Coleman, Bonnie (D)		A	👍	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>																
3	Luján, Ben Ray (D)		A	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●
1	Lujan Grisham, Michelle (D)	<i>Running for Governor</i>	B	👍	○	○	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
2	Pearce, Steve (R)	<i>Running for Governor</i>	B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	*	○	●

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<b>NEW YORK</b>																
9	Clarke, Yvette (D)		A	👍	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
27	Collins, Chris (R)		B	👍	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	●	○	○	○	●
14	Crowley, Joseph (D)	<i>Defeated in primary</i>	B	👍	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	●
11	Donovan, Daniel (R)		B	👍	○	○	○	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●
16	Engel, Eliot (D)		A	👍	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
13	Español, Adriano (D)	<i>Took office 1/3/2017</i>	B	N/A	○	○	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
19	Faso, John (R)	<i>Took office 1/3/2017</i>	A	N/A	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
26	Higgins, Brian (D)		A	👍	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
8	Jeffries, Hakeem (D)		B	👍	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	●
24	Katko, John (R)		A		○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●
2	King, Peter (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	○	○
17	Lowey, Nita (D)		A+	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●
12	Maloney, Carolyn (D)		A+	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
18	Maloney, Sean (D)		A	👍	●	●	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
5	Meeks, Gregory (D)		B	👍	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	●
6	Meng, Grace (D)		B	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●
10	Nadler, Jerrold (D)		A+	👍	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
23	Reed, Tom (R)		B	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
4	Rice, Kathleen (D)		A	👍	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
15	Serrano, José (D)		B	👍	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●
25	Vacant (Rep. Slaughter)	<i>Passed away 3/16/2018</i>	N/A													
21	Stefanik, Elise (R)		A+	👍	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
3	Suozi, Thomas (D)	<i>Took office 1/3/2017</i>	B	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
22	Tenney, Claudia (R)	<i>Took office 1/3/2017</i>	B	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	N/A	○	○	○	○	○
20	Tonko, Paul (D)		A+	👍	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
7	Velázquez, Nydia (D)		A+	👍	●	○	○	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●
1	Zeldin, Lee (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>																
12	Adams, Alma S. (D)		A+	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
13	Budd, Ted (R)	<i>Took office 1/3/2017</i>	D	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
1	Butterfield, G.K. (D)		B	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
5	Foxx, Virginia (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
2	Holding, George (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
8	Hudson, Richard (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
3	Jones, Walter (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
10	McHenry, Patrick (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
11	Meadows, Mark (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
9	Pittenger, Robert (R)	<i>Defeated in primary</i>	D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
4	Price, David (D)		A+	👍	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●
7	Rouzer, David (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
6	Walker, Mark (R)		C		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>																
1	Cramer, Kevin (R)	<i>Running for Senate</i>	B	👍	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	●	○	○	○	○
<b>NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS</b>																
1	Sablan, Gregorio (I)	<i>Delegates cannot vote</i>	N/A	👍	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○
<b>OHIO</b>																
3	Beatty, Joyce (D)		A	👍	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
1	Chabot, Steve (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
8	Davidson, Warren (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
11	Fudge, Marcia (D)		A	👍	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
7	Gibbs, Bob (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
6	Johnson, Bill (R)		B	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
4	Jordan, Jim (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
14	Joyce, David (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
9	Kaptur, Marcy (D)		B	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
5	Latta, Robert (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
16	Renacci, Jim (R)	<i>Running for Governor</i>	B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	*	○
13	Ryan, Tim (D)		B	👍	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
15	Stivers, Steve (R)		A	👍	●	○	○	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
12	Vacant (Rep. Tiberi)	<i>Special election 8/7/2018</i>	N/A													
10	Turner, Michael (R)		B	👍	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○
2	Wenstrup, Brad (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>OKLAHOMA</b>																
1	Vacant (Rep. Bridenstine)	<i>Special election 11/6/2018</i>	N/A													
4	Cole, Tom (R)		A+	👍	○	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
3	Lucas, Frank (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
2	Mullin, Markwayne (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
5	Russell, Steve (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

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<b>OREGON</b>																
3	Blumenauer, Earl (D)		A+	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
1	Bonamici, Suzanne (D)		A+	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
4	DeFazio, Peter (D)		A+	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
5	Schrader, Kurt (D)		B	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
2	Walden, Greg (R)		B	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>																
11	Barletta, Lou (R)	Running for Senate	B	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	○	●
13	Boyle, Brendan F. (D)		A	👍	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
17	Brady, Robert (D)	Retiring from Congress	A+	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
1	Cartwright, Matthew (D)		B	👍	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●
6	Costello, Ryan (R)	Retiring from Congress	A	👍	○	●	○	●	●	○	○	●	●	○	○	●
15	Vacant (Rep. Dent)	Special election 11/6/2018	N/A													
14	Doyle, Michael (D)		A	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
2	Evans, Dwight (D)	Took office 11/14/2016	B		N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
8	Fitzpatrick, Michael (R)	Retiring from Congress	A	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
3	Kelly, Mike (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
18	Lamb, Conor (D)	Took office 4/12/2018	B		N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
10	Marino, Tom (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
7	Vacant (Rep. Meehan)	Special election 11/6/2018	N/A													
4	Perry, Scott (R)		D		○	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
12	Rothfus, Keith (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
9	Shuster, Bill (R)	Retiring from Congress	D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	*	○	○	○
16	Smucker, Lloyd (R)	Took office 1/3/2017	D		N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
5	Thompson, Glenn (R)		A+	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>PUERTO RICO</b>																
1	González-Colón, Jenniffer (R)	Cannot vote	N/A		N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>																
1	Cicilline, David (D)		A+	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
2	Langevin, James (D)		A+	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>																
6	Clyburn, James (D)		B	👍	●	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	*	●	●
3	Duncan, Jeff (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	*	○	○	○
4	Gowdy, Trey (R)	Retiring from Congress	B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
5	Norman, Ralph (R)	Took office 6/26/2017	D		N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
7	Rice, Tom (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
1	Sanford, Mark (R)	Defeated in primary	D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
2	Wilson, Joe (R)		D	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>																
1	Noem, Kristi (R)	Running for Governor	D	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>TENNESSEE</b>																
6	Black, Diane (R)	Defeated in Governor's primary	C		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	*	*	○	○
7	Blackburn, Marsha (R)	Running for Senate	D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	*	○	○	○
9	Cohen, Steve (D)		A	👍	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
5	Cooper, Jim (D)		A	👍	●	○	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
4	DesJarlais, Scott (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
2	Duncan, John (R)	Retiring from Congress	D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
8	Kustoff, David (R)	Took office 1/3/2017	D		N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
3	Fleischmann, Chuck (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
1	Roe, Phil (R)		D	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>TEXAS</b>																
19	Arrington, Jodey (R)	Took office 1/3/2017	D		N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
36	Babin, Brian (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
6	Barton, Joe (R)	Retiring from Congress	B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
8	Brady, Kevin (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
26	Burgess, Michael (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
31	Carter, John (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
20	Castro, Joaquin (D)		B	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
27	Cloud, Michael (R)	Took office 7/10/2018	N/A		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
11	Conaway, Mike (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
28	Cuellar, Henry (D)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
7	Culberson, John (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
35	Doggett, Lloyd (D)		A+	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
17	Flores, Bill (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
1	Gohmert, Louie (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
15	Gonzalez, Vicente (D)	Took office 1/3/2017	B		N/A	●	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	⊠	○	○
12	Granger, Kay (R)		B	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

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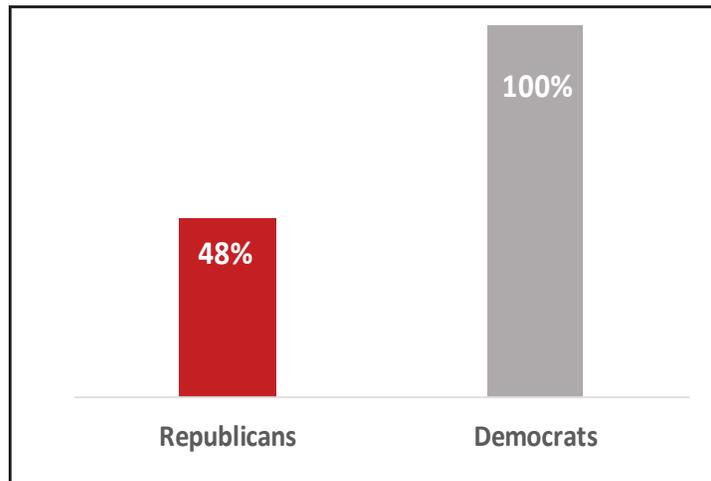
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<b>TEXAS (cont.)</b>																
9	Green, Al (D)		A	👍	●	○	○	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●
29	Green, Gene (D)	<i>Retiring from Congress</i>	B	👍	●	○	○	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●
5	Hensarling, Jeb (R)	<i>Retiring from Congress</i>	D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
23	Hurd, Will (R)		B	👍	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	●	●	○	●	●
18	Jackson Lee, Sheila (D)		A	👍	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
30	Johnson, Eddie Bernice (D)		A	👍	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
3	Johnson, Sam (R)	<i>Retiring from Congress</i>	D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
24	Marchant, Kenny (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
10	McCaul, Michael (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
22	Olson, Pete (R)		B	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
16	O'Rourke, Beto (D)	<i>Running for Senate</i>	A	👍	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
2	Poe, Ted (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
4	Ratcliffe, John (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
32	Sessions, Pete (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
21	Smith, Lamar (R)		B		●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
13	Thornberry, Mac (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
33	Veasey, Marc (D)		A	👍	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
34	Vela, Filemon (D)		A	👍	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
14	Weber, Randy (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
25	Williams, Roger (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
<b>UTAH</b>																
1	Bishop, Rob (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
3	Curtis, John R. (R)	<i>Took office 11/13/2017</i>	D	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
4	Love, Mia (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
2	Stewart, Chris (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>VERMONT</b>																
1	Welch, Peter (D)		A	👍	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
<b>VIRGIN ISLANDS</b>																
1	Plaskett, Stacey E. (D)	<i>Delegates cannot vote</i>	N/A	👍	○	○	○	●	●	●	○	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	●
<b>VIRGINIA</b>																
8	Beyer, Donald (D)		A	👍	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	●
7	Brat, David (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	*	○	○	●
10	Comstock, Barbara J. (R)		A	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●
11	Connolly, Gerry (D)		A	👍	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
5	Garrett, Thomas (R)	<i>Retiring from Congress</i>	D	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	*	○	○	●
6	Goodlatte, Bob (R)	<i>Retiring from Congress</i>	D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
9	Griffith, Morgan (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
4	McEachin, Donald A. (D)	<i>Took office 1/3/2017</i>	A	N/A	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
3	Scott, Bobby (D)		A+	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
2	Taylor, Scott (R)	<i>Took office 1/3/2017</i>	B	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
1	Wittman, Robert (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>WASHINGTON</b>																
1	DelBene, Suzan (D)		A	👍	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
10	Heck, Denny (D)		A	👍	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
3	Herrera Beutler, Jaime (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
7	Jayapal, Pramila (D)	<i>Took office 1/3/2017</i>	A	N/A	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
6	Kilmer, Derek (D)		B	👍	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
2	Larsen, Rick (D)		A	👍	●	○	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●
5	McMorris Rodgers, Cathy (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
4	Newhouse, Daniel (R)		B		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
8	Reichert, David (R)	<i>Retiring from Congress</i>	B	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
9	Smith, Adam (D)		A	👍	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>																
3	Jenkins, Evan (R)	<i>Defeated in Senate primary</i>	B	👍	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
1	McKinley, David (R)		A	👍	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○
2	Mooney, Alex (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

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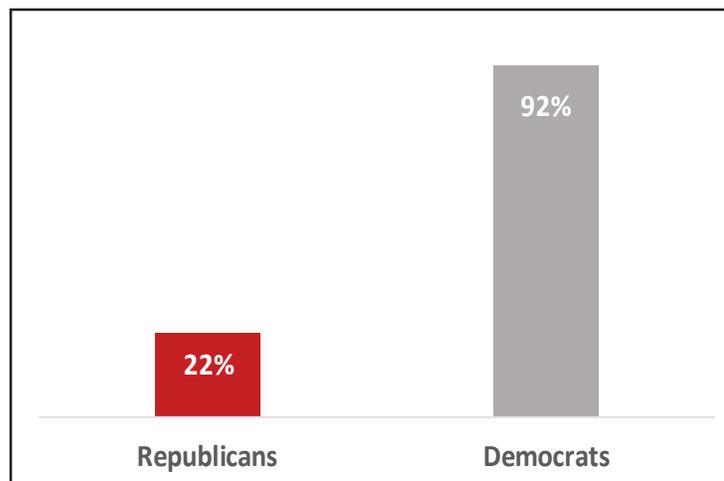
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<b>WISCONSIN</b>																
7	Duffy, Sean (R)		B	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●
8	Gallagher, Mike (R)	Took office 1/3/2017	D	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
6	Grothman, Glenn (R)		D		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
3	Kind, Ron (D)		A	👍	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
4	Moore, Gwen (D)		B	👍	○	○	○	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●
2	Pocan, Mark (D)		B	👍	●	●	○	○	●	○	○	●	●	○	○	●
1	Ryan, Paul (R)	Speakers are not graded Retiring from Congress	N/A		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	*	*	○	●
5	Sensenbrenner, Jim (R)		F		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>WYOMING</b>																
1	Cheney, Liz (R)	Took office 1/3/2017	B	N/A	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●

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Percentage of **House** members who received a positive pro-arts grade by party affiliation:



Percentage of **Senate** members who received a Thumbs Up on the arts by party affiliation:



# ABOUT THE SENATE GRADING SYSTEM

## Senators Were Evaluated on Eight Indicators of Pro-Arts Support:

A total of 55 U.S. Senators received a Thumbs Up in the 2018 Congressional Arts Report Card. Like the results in the House, a clear bipartisan, pro-arts majority has also been built in the Senate.

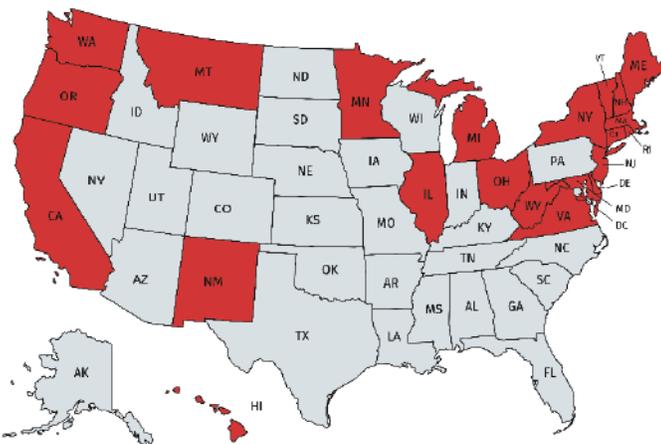
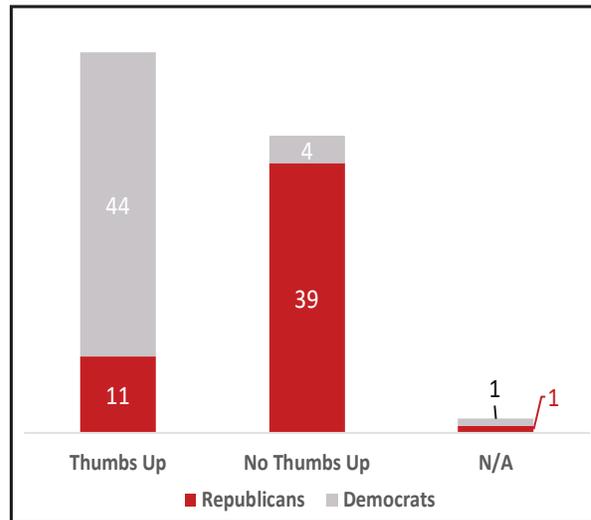
### Grading System to Receive a Thumbs Up

- 👍 = Took pro-arts action on a majority of the first 7 indicators.
- 👍 = Exhibited outstanding pro-arts leadership (Bonus Indicator ③)  
See detailed list of Senators on page 19.

In terms of the grading system, given the lack of arts-specific, legislative floor votes recorded in the U.S. Senate in the 2017-18 cycle, the Arts Action Fund PAC could not assign weighted grades to each Senator, as we were able to do in the House. As a result, we evaluated other indicators of pro-arts support to determine if a Senator receives a “Thumbs Up.” These indicators include membership in the Senate Cultural Caucus, signing on to Dear Colleague letters, outstanding arts leadership, and the recorded votes of two non-arts specific floor votes involving tax and net neutrality issues. This grading is consistent with the Senate Arts Report Card evaluations in 2014 and 2016.

If incumbent Senators did not receive a “Thumbs Up,” it meant that they did not take enough pro-arts actions during the 2017-18 Congress. Additionally, if “special election” freshman Senators did not take enough pro-arts action on those eligible indicators that they were in office for, or if we just did not know enough about them, they were simply given an “N/A” as was the case for Senators Doug Jones of Alabama and Cindy Hyde-Smith of Mississippi.

**Please refer to the chart below for a breakdown of the Senate arts grades by party affiliation:**



Congratulations to the following 22 states whose two Senators each received a Thumbs Up in the 2018 Congressional Arts Report Card.

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|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <i>California</i>    | <i>Michigan</i>      | <i>Ohio</i>          |
| <i>Connecticut</i>   | <i>Minnesota</i>     | <i>Oregon</i>        |
| <i>Delaware</i>      | <i>Montana</i>       | <i>Rhode Island</i>  |
| <i>Hawaii</i>        | <i>New Hampshire</i> | <i>Virginia</i>      |
| <i>Illinois</i>      | <i>New Jersey</i>    | <i>Vermont</i>       |
| <i>Massachusetts</i> | <i>New Mexico</i>    | <i>Washington</i>    |
| <i>Maryland</i>      | <i>New York</i>      | <i>West Virginia</i> |
| <i>Maine</i>         |                      |                      |

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## Outstanding Senate Arts Leadership Designation

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**The Arts Action Fund PAC designated the following 21 Senators with additional pro-arts points for exhibiting outstanding pro-arts leadership during the 2017-18 Congressional work period.**

- Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)** serves as chair of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee and is a strong advocate for preserving arts education funding in schools.
- Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)** championed key report language to extend FEMA coverage of work tools for self-employed workers, including self-employed artists, after a natural disaster. She also serves as an Ex-Officio member of the NEA's National Council on the Arts.
- Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)** serves as chair of the Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee and consistently works to secure support for funding for the Office of Museum Services.
- Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)** regularly promotes the NEA and NEH during committee hearings and behind-the-scenes. Spoke at the National Council on the Arts meeting in Charleston, WV in June 2018.
- Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME)** serves as co-Chair of the Cultural Caucus to bring federal focus to the arts and humanities.
- Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT)** supported Chairman Murkowski's funding increase for the NEA and NEH. He has also met with several of his arts constituents to discuss the economic and programmatic impact of the arts.
- Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)** annually leads the funding request letter for the Office of Museum Services and led a Senate sign-on letter to President Trump to fund the NEA and NEH.
- Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT)** introduced the ARTS Act (S. 2466) to increase access to arts and cultural exchange.
- Sen. Angus King (I-ME)** co-led the FY 2019 funding request letter for the Office of Museum Services.
- Sen. Jim Lankford (R-OK)** introduced the Universal Charitable Giving Act (S. 2123) into the 2017 tax reform bill that would have provided a charitable tax deduction to all taxpayers who donate to charity.
- Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT)** champions the Artist-Museum Partnership Act (S. 931) that would allow artists to take a tax deduction for the fair market value of their work when they donate it to charitable collecting institutions.
- Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA)** advocates to protect a free and open internet, where artists and creative entrepreneurs can reach potential audiences, build businesses, and contribute to culture.
- Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)** serves as Chair of the Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee and allocated increased funding to the NEA and NEH, despite the Trump Administration's efforts to terminate them.
- Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH)** helps to keep the affordable artist housing tax credit in the tax reform law.
- Sen. Charles Schumer (D-NY)** provides instrumental support for the arts and initiates peer-to-peer advocacy to protect and increase federal investment in the arts and arts education.
- Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL)** serves as Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee and ensured that the Appropriations Committee advanced strong, bipartisan bills, which enabled a vote on the Interior bill. Previously, the bill hadn't seen the floor vote since FY 2010.
- Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)** serves on Senate Finance Committee and offered an amendment to encourage charitable giving to make it easier for tax-exempt organizations to conduct their charitable mission.
- Sen. John Thune (R-SD)** promotes charitable giving in comprehensive tax reform, including sponsoring the CHARITY Act (S. 1343), which urged Congress to preserve the charitable deduction in tax reform.
- Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM)** serves as co-Chair of the Senate Cultural Caucus and annually leads the federal funding request in support of the NEA and NEH. He also ushered in legislation (CREATE Act, S. 661) to support the creative economy.
- Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA)** annually hosts "The State of the Arts" program to showcase local Virginia artists to Capitol Hill visitors.
- Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)** serves on Senate Finance Committee and offered an amendment to encourage charitable giving to make it easier for tax-exempt organizations to conduct charitable mission.

## HOW TO READ THE U.S. SENATE ARTS SUPPORT INDICATORS

- 1** Membership in the Senate Cultural Caucus (arts and humanities) as of August 30, 2018. The list is maintained by the office of Caucus co-Chairs Senators Tom Udall (D-NM) and Susan Collins (R-ME).

**Date:** As of 8/30/2018      **Result:** 33 Members      **Pro-Arts:** Member YES

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- 2** Cosigned a "Dear Colleague" letter on April 10, 2018, asking Senate appropriators to fund the NEA and NEH at "no less than" \$155 million in FY 2019. The letter was led by Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM).\*

**Date:** 4/10/2018      **Result:** 41 Signatories      **Pro-Arts:** Cosigned YES

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- 3** Cosigned a "Dear Colleague" letter on March 31, 2017, asking Senate appropriators to fund the NEA and NEH at "not less than" \$149.8 million in FY 2018. The letter was led by Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM).\*

**Date:** 3/31/2017      **Result:** 40 Signatories      **Pro-Arts:** Cosigned YES

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- 4** Cosigned a "Dear Colleague" letter on April 13, 2018, asking Senate appropriators to support "robust" funding for the Office of Museum Services in FY 2019. The letter was led by Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Angus King (I-ME).\*

**Date:** 4/13/2018      **Result:** 40 Signatories      **Pro-Arts:** Cosigned YES

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- 5** Cosigned a "Dear Colleague" letter on February 15, 2017, asking President Donald Trump to support funding for the NEA and NEH. The letter was led by Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Tom Udall (D-NM).\*

**Date:** 2/15/2017      **Result:** 24 Signatories      **Pro-Arts:** Cosigned YES

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- 6** Voted against H.R. 1 on December 20, 2017—legislation that could negatively affect charitable giving. H.R. 1 was a comprehensive rewrite of the U.S. tax code. It included a doubling of the "standard deduction," which is projected to result in more taxpayers giving less to charity, including the arts.

**Date:** 12/20/2017      **Result:** Passed by a vote of 51-48      **Pro-Arts:** Voted NO

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- 7** Voted for S.J.Res.52 on May 16, 2018, a resolution expressing congressional disapproval of the Federal Communications Commission's actions that weakened net neutrality protections and would potentially harm nonprofits and creative entrepreneurs on the internet.

**Date:** 5/16/2018      **Result:** Passed by a vote of 52-47      **Pro-Arts:** Voted YES

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- 8** There were 21 Senators who received additional recognition for exhibiting outstanding pro-arts leadership to advance and protect the arts, arts education, and/or charitable tax policy issues in the Senate. **For details, see page 19.**

\* Appropriations Subcommittee members typically do not sign "Dear Colleague" letters, but many still support the ask.

# THE SENATE REPORT CARD



Senator	Party-State	Notes as of 8/30/2018	2018 Thumbs Up	2016 Thumbs Up	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Lisa A. Murkowski	R-AK		👍	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	●	●
Dan Sullivan	R-AK				○	○	○	●	○	○	○	
Doug Jones	D-AL	Took office 1/3/2018	N/A	N/A	○	○	⊗	○	⊗	⊗	●	
Richard C. Shelby	R-AL		👍		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
John Boozman	R-AR				○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Tom Cotton	R-AR				○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Jeff Flake	R-AZ	Retiring from Congress			○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Vacant (Sen. McCain)	AZ	Passed away 8/25/2018	N/A									
Dianne Feinstein	D-CA	Running for re-election in 2018	👍	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Kamala Harris	D-CA	Took office 1/3/2017	👍	N/A	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	
Michael Bennet	D-CO		👍	👍	●	●	●	○	○	●	●	
Cory Gardner	R-CO				○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Richard Blumenthal	D-CT		👍	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Christopher Murphy	D-CT	Running for re-election in 2018	👍	👍	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	
Thomas R. Carper	D-DE	Running for re-election in 2018	👍	👍	○	●	●	●	○	●	●	
Chris Coons	D-DE		👍	👍	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Bill Nelson	D-FL	Running for re-election in 2018	👍		○	●	●	●	○	●	●	
Marco Rubio	R-FL				○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Johnny Isakson	R-GA			👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	
David Perdue	R-GA				○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Mazie Hirono	D-HI	Running for re-election in 2018	👍	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Brian Schatz	D-HI		👍	👍	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	
Joni Ernst	R-IA				○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Charles E. Grassley	R-IA				○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Michael D. Crapo	R-ID				○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Jim Risch	R-ID				○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Tammy Duckworth	D-IL	Took office 1/3/2017	👍	N/A	○	●	●	●	○	●	●	
Richard J. Durbin	D-IL		👍	👍	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	
Joe Donnelly	D-IN	Running for re-election in 2018		👍	○	○	○	●	○	●	●	
Todd Young	R-IN				○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Jerry Moran	R-KS				○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Pat Roberts	R-KS				○	○	○	○	○	○	●	
Mitch McConnell	R-KY				○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Rand Paul	R-KY				○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
William Cassidy	R-LA				○	○	○	○	○	○	●	
John Kennedy	R-LA				○	○	○	○	○	○	●	
Edward J. Markey	D-MA		👍	👍	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Elizabeth Warren	D-MA	Running for re-election in 2018	👍	👍	○	●	●	●	○	●	●	
Benjamin L. Cardin	D-MD	Running for re-election in 2018	👍	👍	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Chris Van Hollen	D-MD	Took office 1/3/2017	👍	N/A	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Susan M. Collins	R-ME		👍	👍	●	○	○	○	●	○	●	●
Angus S. King, Jr.	I-ME	Running for re-election in 2018	👍	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Gary C. Peters	D-MI		👍	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Debbie Stabenow	D-MI	Running for re-election in 2018	👍	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Amy Klobuchar	D-MN	Running for re-election in 2018	👍	👍	●	●	○	●	○	●	●	
Tina Smith	D-MN	Took office 1/3/2018 Running for re-election in 2018	👍	N/A	○	●	⊗	●	⊗	⊗	●	
Roy Blunt	R-MO		👍	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
Claire McCaskill	D-MO	Running for re-election in 2018			○	○	○	○	○	●	●	
Cindy Hyde-Smith	R-MS	Took office 4/9/2018 Running for re-election in 2018	N/A	N/A	○	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	○	
Roger Wicker	R-MS	Running for re-election in 2018		👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	

● indicates pro-arts position    ○ indicates opposition or no action taken    \* indicates missed vote    ⊗ not in office

Senator	Party-State	Notes as of 8/30/2018	2018 Thumbs Up	2016 Thumbs Up	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Steve Daines	R-MT		👍	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
Jon Tester	D-MT	Running for re-election in 2018	👍	👍	●	●	○	●	○	●	●	
Richard Burr	R-NC				○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Thom Tillis	R-NC				○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Heidi Heitkamp	D-ND	Running for re-election in 2018		👍	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	
John Hoeven	R-ND			👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Deb Fischer	R-NE	Running for re-election in 2018			○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Ben Sasse	R-NE				○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Margaret Wood Hassan	D-NH	Took office 1/3/2017	👍	N/A	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	
Jeanne Shaheen	D-NH		👍	👍	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Cory A. Booker	D-NJ		👍	👍	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	
Robert Menendez	D-NJ	Running for re-election in 2018	👍	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Martin T. Heinrich	D-NM	Running for re-election in 2018	👍	👍	○	●	●	●	○	●	●	
Tom Udall	D-NM		👍	👍	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●
Catherine Cortez Masto	D-NV	Took office 1/3/2017		N/A	○	○	○	●	○	●	●	
Dean Heller	R-NV	Running for re-election in 2018			○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Kirsten Gillibrand	D-NY	Running for re-election in 2018	👍	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Charles E. Schumer	D-NY		👍	👍	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●
Sherrrod Brown	D-OH	Running for re-election in 2018	👍	👍	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	
Rob Portman	R-OH		👍		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
James M. Inhofe	R-OK				○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
James Lankford	R-OK		👍		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
Jeff Merkley	D-OR		👍	👍	○	●	●	●	○	●	●	
Ron Wyden	D-OR		👍	👍	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●
Robert P. Casey	D-PA	Running for re-election in 2018	👍	👍	○	●	●	●	○	●	●	
Patrick J. Toomey	R-PA				○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Jack Reed	D-RI		👍	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Sheldon Whitehouse	D-RI	Running for re-election in 2018	👍	👍	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Lindsey Graham	R-SC				○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Tim Scott	R-SC				○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Mike Rounds	R-SD				○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
John Thune	R-SD		👍	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
Lamar Alexander	R-TN		👍	👍	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
Bob Corker	R-TN	Retiring from Congress			○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
John Cornyn	R-TX				○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Ted Cruz	R-TX	Running for re-election in 2018			○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Orrin G. Hatch	R-UT	Retiring from Congress	👍	👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
Mike Lee	R-UT				○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Tim Kaine	D-VA	Running for re-election in 2018	👍	👍	○	●	●	●	○	●	●	
Mark Warner	D-VA		👍	👍	○	●	○	○	○	●	●	●
Patrick J. Leahy	D-VT		👍	👍	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●
Bernard Sanders	I-VT	Running for re-election in 2018	👍	👍	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Maria Cantwell	D-WA	Running for re-election in 2018	👍	👍	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	
Patty Murray	D-WA		👍	👍	●	○	●	○	○	●	●	
Tammy Baldwin	D-WI	Running for re-election in 2018	👍	👍	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Ron Johnson	R-WI				○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Shelley Moore Capito	R-WV		👍	👍	●	○	○	○	●	○	○	●
Joe Manchin	D-WV	Running for re-election in 2018	👍	👍	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	
John Barrasso	R-WY	Running for re-election in 2018			○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Michael B. Enzi	R-WY			👍	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	

● indicates pro-arts position

○ indicates opposition or no action taken

\* indicates missed vote

○ not in office

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# TOP 10 REASONS TO SUPPORT THE ARTS

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- 1.** Arts improve individual well-being. 63 percent of the population believe the arts “lift me up beyond everyday experiences,” 64 percent feel the arts give them “pure pleasure to experience and participate in,” and 73 percent say the arts are a “positive experience in a troubled world.”
- 2.** Arts unify communities. 67 percent of Americans believe “the arts unify our communities regardless of age, race, and ethnicity” and 62 percent agree that the arts “helps me understand other cultures better”—a perspective observed across all demographic and economic categories.
- 3.** Arts improve academic performance. Students engaged in arts learning have higher GPAs, standardized test scores, and college-going rates as well as lower drop-out rates. These academic benefits are reaped by students regardless of socio-economic status. Yet, the Department of Education reports that access to arts education for students of color is significantly lower than for their white peers. 88 percent of Americans believe that arts are part of a well-rounded K-12 education.
- 4.** Arts strengthen the economy. The production of all arts and cultural goods in the U.S. (e.g., nonprofit, commercial, education) added \$764 billion to the economy in 2015, including a \$21 billion international trade surplus—a larger share of the nation’s economy (4.2 percent) than transportation, tourism, and agriculture (U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis). The nonprofit arts industry alone generates \$166.3 billion in economic activity annually—spending by organizations and their audiences—which supports 4.6 million jobs and generates \$27.5 billion in government revenue.
- 5.** Arts drive tourism and revenue to local businesses. Attendees at nonprofit arts events spend \$31.47 per person, per event, beyond the cost of admission on items such as meals, parking, and babysitters—valuable commerce for local businesses. 34 percent of attendees live outside the county in which the arts event takes place; they average \$47.57 in event-related spending. Arts travelers are ideal tourists, staying longer and spending more to seek out authentic cultural experiences.
- 6.** Arts spark creativity and innovation. Creativity is among the top 5 applied skills sought by business leaders, per the Conference Board’s “Ready to Innovate” report—with 72 percent saying creativity is of high importance when hiring. Research on creativity shows that Nobel laureates in the sciences are 17 times more likely to be actively engaged in the arts than other scientists.
- 7.** Arts drive the creative industries. The Creative Industries are arts businesses that range from nonprofit museums, symphonies, and theaters to for-profit film, architecture, and design companies. A 2017 analysis of Dun & Bradstreet data counts 673,656 businesses in the U.S. involved in the creation or distribution of the arts—4.01 percent of all businesses and 2.04 percent of all employees.
- 8.** Arts have social impact. University of Pennsylvania researchers have demonstrated that a high concentration of the arts in a city leads to higher civic engagement, more social cohesion, higher child welfare, and lower poverty rates.
- 9.** Arts improve healthcare. Nearly one-half of the nation’s healthcare institutions provide arts programming for patients, families, and even staff. 78 percent deliver these programs because of their healing benefits to patients—shorter hospital stays, better pain management, and less medication.
- 10.** Arts for the health and well-being of our military. The arts heal the mental, physical, and moral injuries of war for military servicemembers and Veterans, who rank the creative arts therapies in the top 4 (out of 40) interventions and treatments. Across the military continuum, the arts promote resilience during pre-deployment, deployment, and the reintegration of military servicemembers, Veterans, their families, and caregivers into communities.



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By giving to the Arts Action Fund PAC, you will send a message to candidates that arts advocates will support elected leaders who will stand up for every child's right to a comprehensive, high quality arts education and who will promote public policies to provide individuals and families affordable access to all forms of the arts. Your contribution will also help us more effectively rally national support against attacks to the arts as well as build the necessary political influence to ensure bipartisan support for the arts.

For questions about this report, please contact Arts Action Fund and PAC Executive Director Nina Ozlu Tunceli at [ntunceli@artsusa.org](mailto:ntunceli@artsusa.org) or call 202-371-2830.

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**Vote smART: Will the Midterms Be a "Wave" Election?**

On November 6, 2018, elections will be held for all 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as for six non-voting delegates. A third of the Senate (35 seats) will also be up for election. Specifically, Democrats must defend 26 of the 55 Senate seats this year, while only nine seats will be defended by Republicans. Of note, 10 of these Democratic Senators represent states that **President Trump** won in 2016. While this might be indicative of a tougher re-election bid for a Democrat, this could also become an advantage in those "purple" states where the President's popularity continues to vacillate.

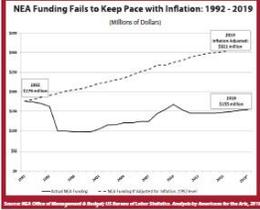
Currently, Republicans control the slimmest of margins in the Senate with 51 GOP members to 49 Democrats. Prospects of majority control flipping in the Senate appear to be a toss-up, since Democrats would have to win all 26 of their Senate seats as well as pick up two Republican-held seats. The most endangered GOP Senate seats include Senator **Dean Heller** of Nevada and the two open seats currently held by retiring Senators **Jeff Flake** of Arizona and **Bob Corker** of Tennessee. Democratic Senators facing very tough re-election bids this year include Senators **Bill Nelson** of Florida, **Joe Donnelly** of Indiana, **Claire McCaskill** of Missouri, **Heldi Hethkamp** of North Dakota, and **Joe Manchin** of West Virginia. In the House, Republicans control the majority with a wider margin of 240 GOP members to 195 Democrats. However, many experts believe that the House will likely bring in a wave of new Democrats for several reasons.

Historically, the President's party loses Congressional seats during the first midterm. Many incumbent Republicans have also chosen **not** to run for re-election this year, as they faced serious challenges from a new crop of passionate Democratic candidates, representing women, minorities, veterans, small businesses, and youth. Contributing to this wave, Speaker of the House and top GOP leader **Paul Ryan** (R-WI) is retiring, as well as several powerful GOP leaders including House Appropriations Committee Chairman Rep. **Rodney Frelinghuysen** (R-NJ). Additionally, a handful of GOP members have been embroiled in headline-making scandals, including Reps. **Chris Collins** (R-NY), **Duncan Hunter** (R-OA), and **Blake Farenthold** (R-TX).

**What's at stake for the arts?**

Thankfully, arts advocates successfully called on Congress to reject **President Trump's** attempts to terminate the nation's federal cultural agencies this year, proving that we built a bipartisan, pro-arts Congress over the last 15 years. Some headway was even made with two consecutive small increases to the budgets for some of these agencies, like the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). However, funding for the arts and arts education is still woefully inadequate. Americans for the Arts Action Fund members adopted a vision of at least one dollar per capita of arts funding in America. Funding support at this level would be approximately \$321 million, instead of the NEA's current level of \$155 million.

As you can see in the accompanying chart, if Congress had merely adjusted the NEA's budget for inflation, arts funding would now be at our envisioned level today. **Help elect more pro-arts candidates to Congress to ensure our vision becomes reality.**



**NEA Funding Fails to Keep Pace with Inflation: 1992-2019**  
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