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**Re: Amendments to H.R. 6147 - Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act**

Our organizations, which represent a diverse group of preservation organizations throughout the nation, write to request support for the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), as contained in H.R. 6147, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2019.

The HPF, which is funded through non-taxpayer dollars from revenue produced by oil and gas development along the Outer Continental Shelf, is the principal source of funding to implement the nation's historic preservation programs.

We urge Members of the House to support the following three amendments up for consideration on the House floor that will provide modest increases for programs funded through the HPF:

- A bipartisan amendment offered by Representatives Blumenauer (OR), Turner (OH), Heck (WA), Courtney (CT), Adam Smith (WA), Katko (NY), and Keating (MA) that will increase HPF funding by \$5 million, restoring appropriations for the HPF to the FY18 enacted level.
- An amendment offered by Representatives Clyburn (SC), Sewell (AL) and Adams (NC) that will increase funds for historic preservation grants to Historically Black Colleges and Universities by \$2 million.
- An amendment offered by Representative Sewell (AL) that will increase funding for competitive grants to preserve the sites and stories of the Civil Rights Movement by \$2.5 million.

If you have any questions concerning these programs, please do not hesitate to contact Tom Cassidy, Vice President for Government Relations, National Trust for Historic Preservation, at [tcassidy@savingplaces.org](mailto:tcassidy@savingplaces.org) or (202) 588-6078.