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April 11, 2014

The Honorable Tom Udall
Chairman
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government
Senate Appropriations Committee
Senate Dirksen Building, 133
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Johanns
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government
Senate Appropriations Committee
Senate Hart Building, 125
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Udall and Ranking Member Johanns:

As the subcommittee begins its consideration of an appropriation bill for the agencies within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, I respectfully request support for the report language requested below. Please consider this letter to be a revised version of the request I submitted on April 3.

1. **Title:** National Archives and Records Administration
Report Language Requested: The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) shall provide evidence to Congress that the projected savings from a facility that is closing, or that has been closed in the last year, outweigh its projected costs, including such relevant factors as the costs of transporting records to and maintaining them at a new facility. NARA shall consider the burdens of removing the records on the state's economy, culture, business and legal proceedings. NARA shall work with state and university archives located within a state with such a facility to determine which records should remain in the state based on but not limited to the considerations listed above. For a state where significant concerns exist about lack of access to NARA records due to closure and records being or having been moved a distance exceeding 500 miles, NARA shall release a plan to prioritize records from such a facility for digitization and to accomplish such digitization in a reasonable time frame; to ensure all records moving to another facility are publicly available for viewing within an eight week time frame of being made unavailable at the prior facility; and to generally improve record accessibility for communities and individuals in the affected state.

2. **Title:** Truman Scholarship Foundation
Description: The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation was established by Congress in 1975 as the sole federal memorial to President Truman to support graduate education for young people committed to careers in public service. The authorizing statute mandated the trust fund be invested solely in U.S. Treasury Securities.

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Fiscal Year 2015 President's Budget Request: $1.932 million
Additional Amount Requested: Support President's Budget
Rationale: As a result of declining interest rates on Treasury Securities, the annual yield from the trust fund has declined by 63 percent ($2.27 million) from Fiscal Year 2002 to Fiscal Year 2013. The Foundation has cut its expenditures by 40 percent during the same period. Even with these significant reductions, the Foundation anticipates a budget deficit of $1.93 million for Fiscal Year 2015 without the requested appropriation.
Recipient: Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation Trust Fund

3. Title: Drug Free Communities Program (DFCP)
Description: The DFC Program is built upon the idea that local problems require local solutions. DFC funding provides for the bolstering of community infrastructure to support environmental prevention strategies to be planned, implemented, and evaluated in local communities across the United States, Territories and Protectorates. The DFC Program is committed to the idea that Federal "experts" can provide insight, but that local communities are the real problem solvers in America. Grants are made directly to over 600 community-based coalitions focusing on preventing youth substance use throughout the United States. Funding will also support the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America's National Coalition Institute, as well as the DFC National Cross-Site Evaluation.
Fiscal Year 2015 President's Budget Request: $85.7 million
Additional Amount Requested: $6.3 million
Rationale: Additional funds will restore the program to 2013 levels enabling more grants to be distributed across the nation to find local solutions to prevent, youth substance abuse.
Recipient: Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Other Federal Drug Control Policies.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests. Please do not hesitate to contact my staff members, Lindsay Kavanaugh or Mercedes Birdsall, at (202) 224-3004 if additional information is required.

Sincerely,

Mark Begich
United States Senator