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The Honorable Patty Murray, Chair
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Capitol Building, S-128
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins, Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
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The Honorable Tom Cole, Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Capitol Building, H-307
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chair Murray, Chairman Cole, Ranking Member Collins, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) would like to offer comments regarding proposed FY 2025 appropriations for the National Museum of the American Latino within the Smithsonian Institution. The ACHP is the independent federal agency that is charged with advising the President and Congress on historic preservation matters and with overseeing review of federal projects under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

In this capacity, the ACHP urges your committees to continue appropriations for the development and planning of the National Museum of the American Latino in FY 2025.

Authorized by Congress in 2020, the museum is intended to be a focal point for Americans and international visitors to learn about Latino contributions to life, art, history, and culture in the United States. It will serve as a national center for collaboration and celebration of Latino American history and culture. As such, the museum will encourage Americans to understand and appreciate this important aspect of the broader American story.

As a Mexican American, my interest in the National Museum of the American Latino is personal. Please feel free to contact me to discuss this matter as consideration of the bill proceeds. In addition, your staff may wish to follow up with ACHP Executive Director Reid Nelson at nelson@achp.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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