

Senator Benjamin Cardin

Democrat
Maryland

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TALKING POINTS

The NEH:

- Ensures widespread access to the humanities, including for K-12 students, teachers, and veterans
- Preserves cultural heritage
- Awards grants that are often leveraged for private investment

Title VI and Fulbright-Hays:

- Address shortage of language experts in business, diplomatic corps, and military
- Faculty who receive grants prepare students for global engagement

NARA:

- Demands on NARA have increased while funding has stagnated
- NHPRC increases access to historical documents and the papers of significant figures

ABOUT

Sen. Cardin earned his B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh and his J.D. from the University of Maryland School of Law.

He was elected to the Senate in 2006. Prior to serving in the Senate, he was a member of the House for twenty years.

He is a member of the U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors and the Johns Hopkins University Institute for Policy Studies' National Advisory Board. His wife is a teacher.

CAUCUSES

Environment and Public Works Committee

SUPPORT HISTORY

Is not a member of the Senate Cultural Caucus

Signed the FY21 Dear Colleague Letters requesting robust funding for the NEH and Title VI

GRANT DATA

From FY10 to FY20, Maryland received more than \$39 million in grants from the NEH.

The University of Maryland receives Title VI funding for 2 centers.

COMMITTEES

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Committee on Finance

Committee on Foreign Relations

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Chair

REQUESTS

Join the Senate Cultural Caucus

Sign humanities-related Dear Colleague Letters when they begin circulating



Senator **Chris Van Hollen**

Democrat
Maryland

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TALKING POINTS

The NEH:

- Ensures widespread access to the humanities
- Preserves cultural heritage
- Supports K-12 students in and out of the classroom
- Addresses needs of veterans
- Awards grants that are often leveraged for private investment

NARA:

- NARA provides access to immigration, naturalization, and military records
- NHPRC increases access to the papers of significant figures and other historical documents
- Demands on NARA have increased while funding has stagnated

ABOUT

Sen. Van Hollen earned a B.A. in philosophy from Swarthmore College and a Master of Public Policy from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, concentrating in national security studies.

He was elected to the Senate in 2016. Prior to serving in the Senate, he served seven terms in the House.

Sen. Van Hollen's father was a foreign service officer and his mother worked for the C.I.A. Every session, he files a bill to fully fund the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

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COMMITTEES

Committee on Appropriations: Interior Subcommittee; Financial Services Subcommittee, Chair

Committee on Foreign Relations

Committee on the Budget

SUPPORT HISTORY

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REQUESTS

Support \$225 M for NEH in the Interior bill and \$433 M for the National Archives and at least \$13 M for NHPRC in the Financial Services bill

Sign humanities-related Senate Dear Colleague Letters (some appropriators do not sign letters)

CAUCUSES

Senate Cultural Caucus

Chesapeake Bay Watershed Caucus & Task Force

International Conservation Caucus

Asian Pacific American Caucus



Representative **Dutch Ruppersberger**

Democrat
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ABOUT

Rep. Ruppersberger attended Baltimore City College and the University of Maryland College Park. He earned his J.D. from the University of Baltimore Law School.

He was elected to Congress in 2002.

He serves as the Vice Chairman on the University of Maryland Hospitals' Board of Visitors and on the U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors. He has been awarded a National Park Heritage Award and Friend of the National Parks by the National Parks Conservation Association as well as a Patriot Award by the Wounded Warrior Project.

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COMMITTEES

Appropriations Committee

SUPPORT HISTORY

Is a member of the Congressional Humanities Caucus

Supported NEH by voting against 2018 Grothman Amendment, which would have decreased NEH funding by 15%

Signed the FY21 Dear Colleague Letters requesting robust funding for the NEH and NARA

Did not sign the FY21 Dear Colleague Letter requesting robust funding for Title VI

REQUESTS

In the full Appropriations Committee: support \$225 M for NEH, \$151.4 M for Title VI/F-H, \$433 M for the National Archives, and at least \$13 M for NHPRC

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CAUCUSES

Congressional Humanities Caucus

9-11 Commission Caucus, Co-Founder

Bipartisan House Army Caucus



Representative John Sarbanes

Democrat
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ABOUT

Rep. Sarbanes received a B.A. from Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.

He was elected to serve in the House in 2006.

His mother was a teacher, and his father is former Senator Paul Sarbanes. He worked for the Maryland State Department of Education. He is a board member of the Institute of Christian and Jewish Studies.

CAUCUSES

Congressional Humanities Caucus

Public Service Caucus, Co-Chair

International Conservation Caucus

Joint Congressional Human Rights Caucus

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Energy and Commerce Committee

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Representative **Kweisi Mfume**

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ABOUT

Rep. Mfume earned his B.S. from Morgan State University and his M.A. in international and global studies from Johns Hopkins University.

He was elected to the House in 2020 in a special election to fill Elijah Cummings seat. He had previously served in the House from 1987 to 1996.

Rep. Mfume served as president and CEO of the NAACP from 1996 to 2004. In 1996, he published an autobiography titled No Free Ride. He was an adjunct professor at Morgan State University, teaching courses in political science and communications.

CAUCUSES

Is a Freshman Member of Congress and has not had the opportunity to join any caucuses yet.

SUPPORT HISTORY

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Has not had the opportunity to take significant votes or sign a Dear Colleague Letter supporting the humanities while in Congress

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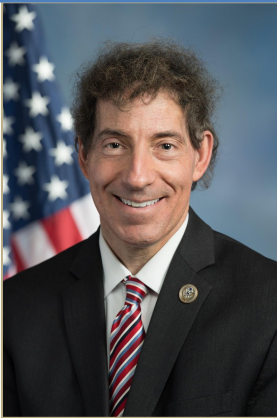
COMMITTEES

Small Business Committee, Vice Chair

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Representative

Jamie Raskin

Democrat
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ABOUT

Rep. Raskin earned a B.A. from Harvard College and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.

He was elected to serve in the House in 2016.

Rep. Raskin is one of the founders of the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project, which sends law students into public high schools to teach about the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the meanings of constitutional freedom and democracy.

CAUCUSES

Congressional Humanities Caucus

Progressive Caucus, Vice Chair

LGBT Equality Caucus

Military Mental Health Caucus

Public Education Caucus

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COMMITTEES

House Judiciary Committee

Committee on Oversight and Reform

Committee on House Administration

Rules Committee