

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION

# ADVOCACY WEEK

2026



**NCSHPO**

National Conference of  
State Historic Preservation Officers

P R E S E R V A T I O N

*Action*

# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

**#PRESERVATIONONTHEHILL**

<b>REGISTRATION/BREAKFAST</b>	<b>7:30-8:30AM</b>
<b>WELCOME REMARKS</b>	<b>8:30-8:45AM</b>
<b>SETTING THE STAGE: CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE</b>	<b>8:45-9:40AM</b>
<b>LEGISLATIVE ASKS</b>	<b>9:45-10:30AM</b>
<b>BREAK</b>	<b>10:30-10:45AM</b>
<b>ADDRESSING REGULATORY CHANGES</b>	<b>10:45-11:30AM</b>
<b>LUNCHEON SPEAKER (OR LUNCH ON YOUR OWN)</b>	<b>11:30-1:00PM</b>
<b>ADVOCACY SCHOLARS</b>	<b>1:10-1:30PM</b>
<b>REMARKS FROM LEGISLATORS</b>	<b>1:30-2:00PM</b>
<b>PULSE OF PRESERVATION</b>	<b>2:00-3:00PM</b>
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	<b>3:00-3:10PM</b>
<b>STATE BREAKOUTS</b>	<b>3:10-3:40PM</b>
<b>DEPART FOR TOURS</b>	<b>3:40PM</b>
<b>TOURS</b>	<b>3:45-4:45PM</b>
<b>ADVOCACY WEEK RECEPTION</b>	<b>5:00-7:00PM</b>

# WELCOME



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# 119<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS

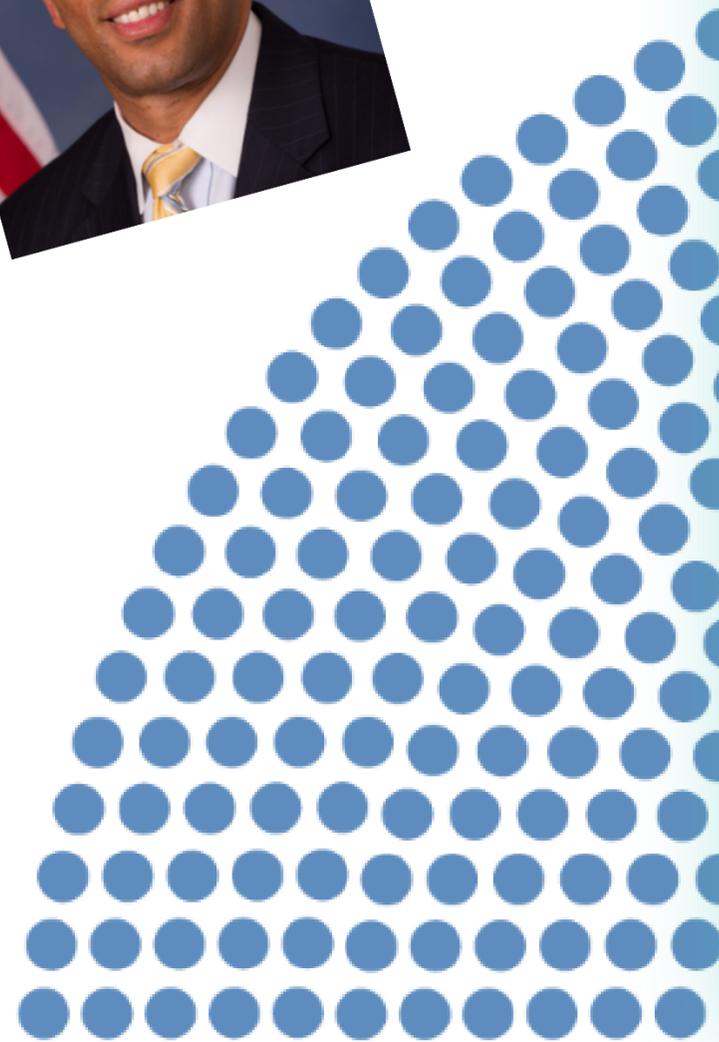
2025

- One Big Beautiful Bill Act
- 43-day shutdown
- Senate confirmation hearings
- 2026
- Current partial shutdown for DHS
- FY 2027
  - President's Budget Request
  - Appropriations process
- Election year with two month-long recesses



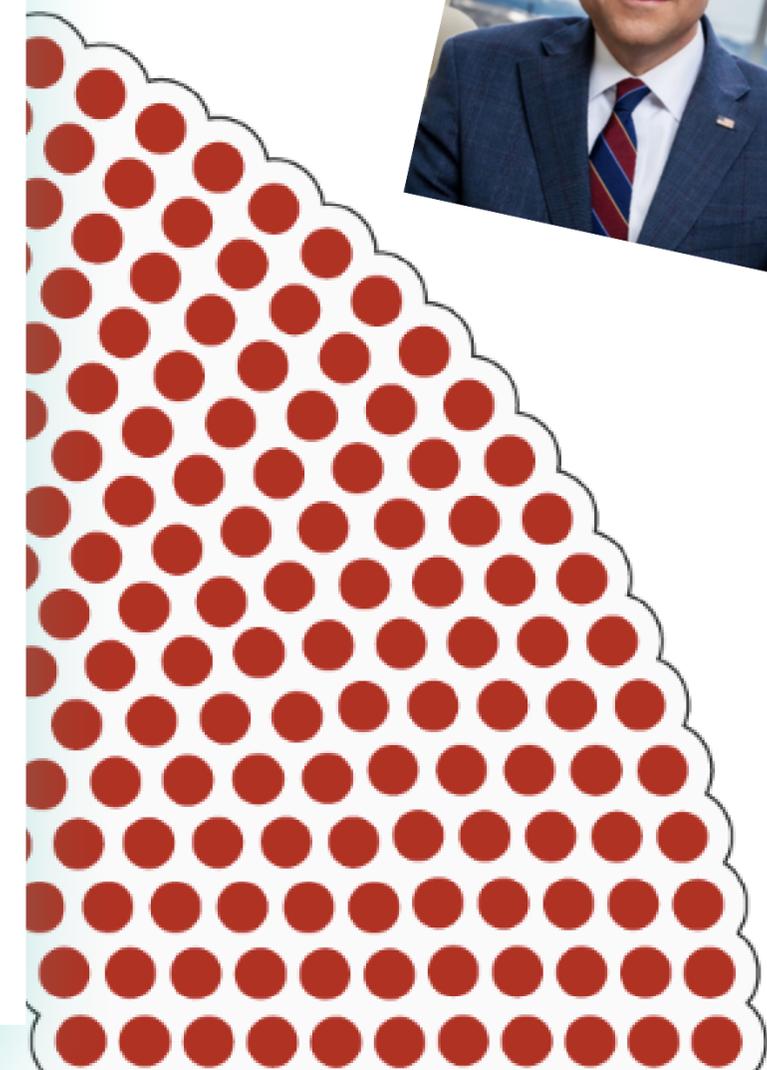
# U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

● Democrat ● Republican



$$\begin{aligned} & \text{218 Republicans} \\ & + \\ & \text{214 Democrats} \\ & = \\ & \text{432 Representatives} \end{aligned}$$

of a House majority  
are filled

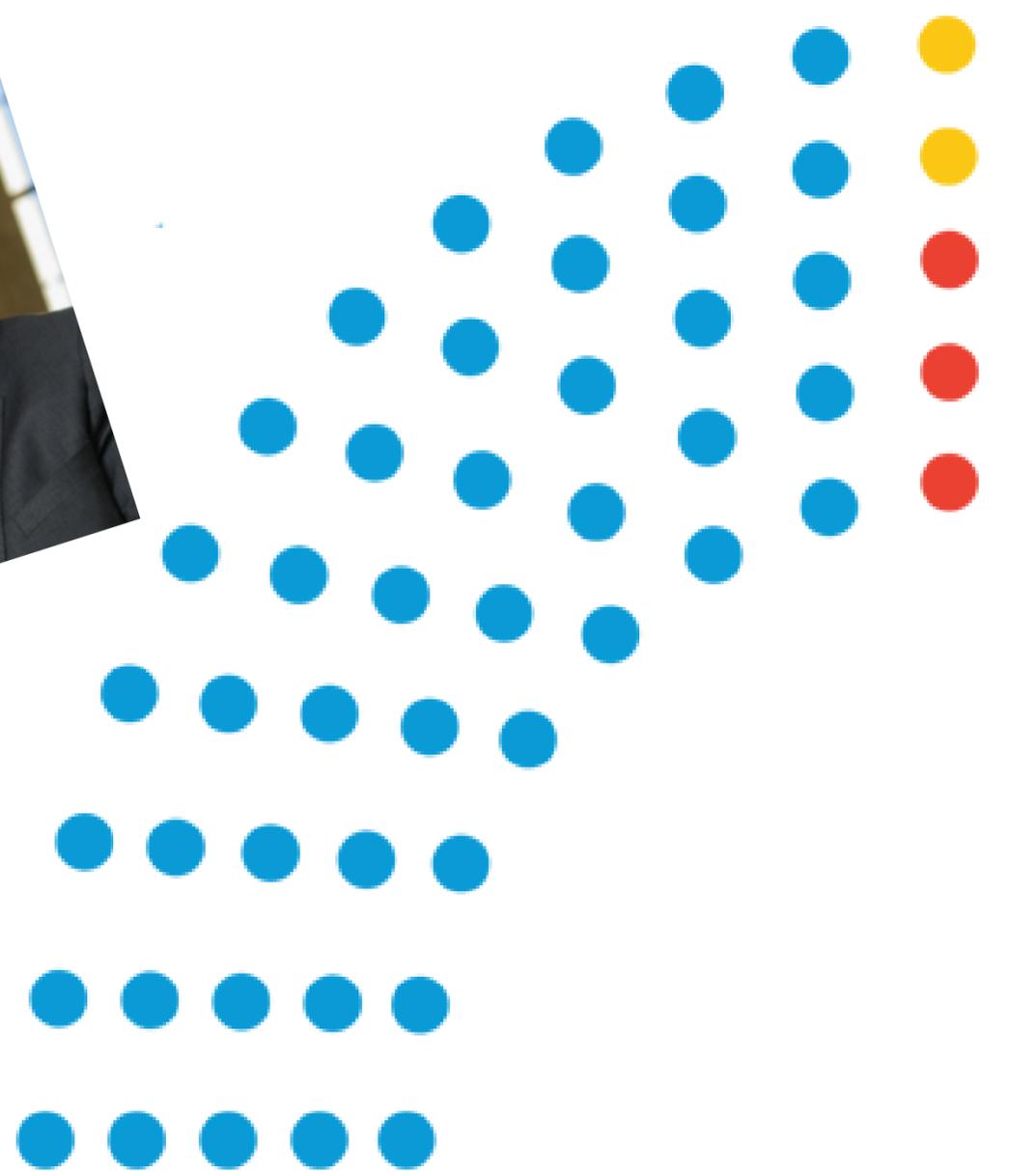
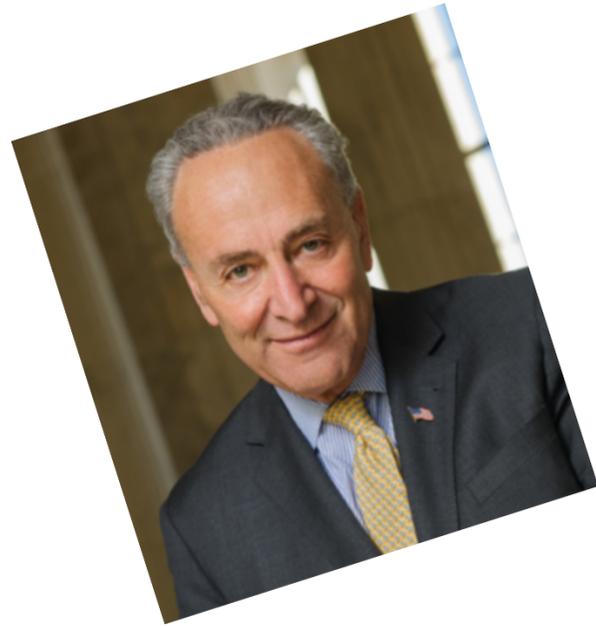


A majority would require  
at least **217** votes

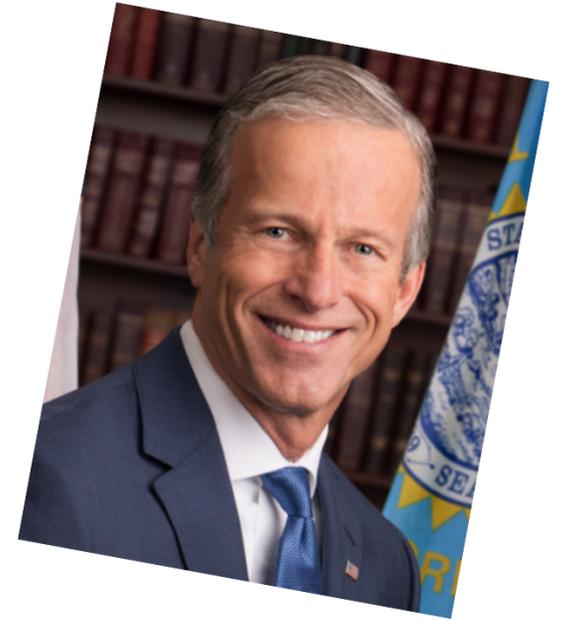
That means the House  
Speaker can afford to lose:

**1 vote** ●

# U.S. SENATE



**45 DEMOCRATS**  
**2 INDEPENDENT**



**53 REPUBLICANS**

Bloomberg Government

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# LEGISLATIVE ASKS



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**Rob Naylor**  
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**2026  
ADVOCACY  
WEEK  
LEGISLATIVE  
ASKS**

- 1. PERMITTING WITH PURPOSE**
- 2. HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**  
**REAUTHORIZATION**
- 3. HISTORIC TAX CREDITS**
- 4. LEAD AMERICA'S 250TH**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION CAUCUS**  
**STATE SEMIQUIN EVENTS**  
**HISTORIC SITE VISITS**

# PERMITTING

## Support Consultation and Effective Federal Reviews

PROJECTS REQUIRING FEDERAL FUNDS,  
PERMITS, OR PROPERTY TRIGGERS  
SECTION 106 CONSULTATION BY A FEDERAL AGENCY

DETERMINE IMPACTS AND AVOID, MINIMIZE, OR MITIGATE HARM

**SECTION 106 OF NHPA IS A CONSULTATIVE  
PROCESS  
— NOT A VETO —  
HELPING AGENCIES MAKE INFORMED  
DECISIONS**



# HPF | APPROPRIATIONS

## Historic Preservation Fund

*Ask*

**Provide \$250M for SHPOs, THPOs, and Competitive Grant Programs**

**\$70**  
MILLION

### **STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS (SHPOS)**

Carry out federally delegated and state preservation programs that identify, revitalize & protect historic properties [FY26 \$62.15m]

**\$13**  
MILLION

### **HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES**

Preservation and repair of historic buildings on HBCU campuses [FY26 \$11m]

**\$34**  
MILLION

### **TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS (THPOS)**

Federally recognized Tribal governments that assume the role of SHPO on their respective tribal lands [FY26 \$23.75m]

**\$108**  
MILLION

### **COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAMS**

Six existing programs that preserve nationally significant historic properties – driving economic impact through revitalization, job creation, and brick and mortar investment – by directing funds to **Save America's Treasures (\$40m)**, **African American Civil Rights (\$28m)**, **Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization (\$17m)**, **Semiquincentennial Commemoration (\$11m)**, **History of Equal Rights (\$7m)**, and **Underrepresented Communities initiatives (\$5m)** [FY26 \$68.563m]

**\$25**  
MILLION

### **PRESERVATION TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE**

Funding for states and Tribes to digitize records and improve technology to aid in accelerating project delivery [no existing FY26 program]

**Will increase project efficiency!**

HPF | IMPACT

# Historic Preservation Fund



*Highgate Manor | Vermont*

# HPF | REAUTHORIZATION

## Historic Preservation Fund

*Ask*

**Support long-term HPF  
reauthorization at \$250M annually**



# HTC

## Federal Historic Tax Credit (HTC)

- The Historic Tax Credit (HTC) encourages private investment in historic buildings
- The credit attracts private capital to revitalize often vacant and underutilized properties that have a financing gap between what banks will lend and what the project will cost
- The HTC is a 20% credit applied to qualified rehabilitation expenses for certified historic structures distributed over 5 years (4% per year)
- It represents, by far, the largest federal financial investment in historic preservation



# HTC

## Impact of Federal HTC 1977-2024

- Adaptive reuse of over **50,000 historic buildings**
- Total HTC Credits generated: **\$47 billion**
- Total federal tax revenue generated: **\$52.9 billion**
- Total HTC financed investment: **\$249 billion**
- Total direct and indirect/induced jobs: **Over 3.3 million**



Courtesy of 711 Catherine Developers, LLC

**HTC**

# **Political Landscape- Budget Reconciliation or Bipartisan Tax Bill?**

**Cosponsor the Historic Tax Credit Growth & Opportunity Act [HTC-GO (H.R. 2941/S. 1459)] and Include Provisions in Moving Tax legislation!**

Modernize the federal HTC by enacting HTC-GO provisions to:

- Bring more value to the HTC
- Allow for more projects to be eligible and to
- Make the credit easier to use
- Support smaller projects



# LEAD IN 250TH

## Historic Preservation Caucus

- Established in 2003 as a bipartisan effort to support and encourage historic preservation
- Co-chaired by Rep. Michael Turner (R-OH) and Rep. Leger Fernandez (D-NM)

### Ask

- Urge your Rep. to join the Historic Preservation Caucus
- If already a member, be sure to thank them
- Encourage members to note their Caucus membership and share stories about preservation on their website

#### HISTORIC PRESERVATION CAUCUS CO-CHAIRS



**Rep. Mike Turner**  
(R) OH



**Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez**  
(D) NM

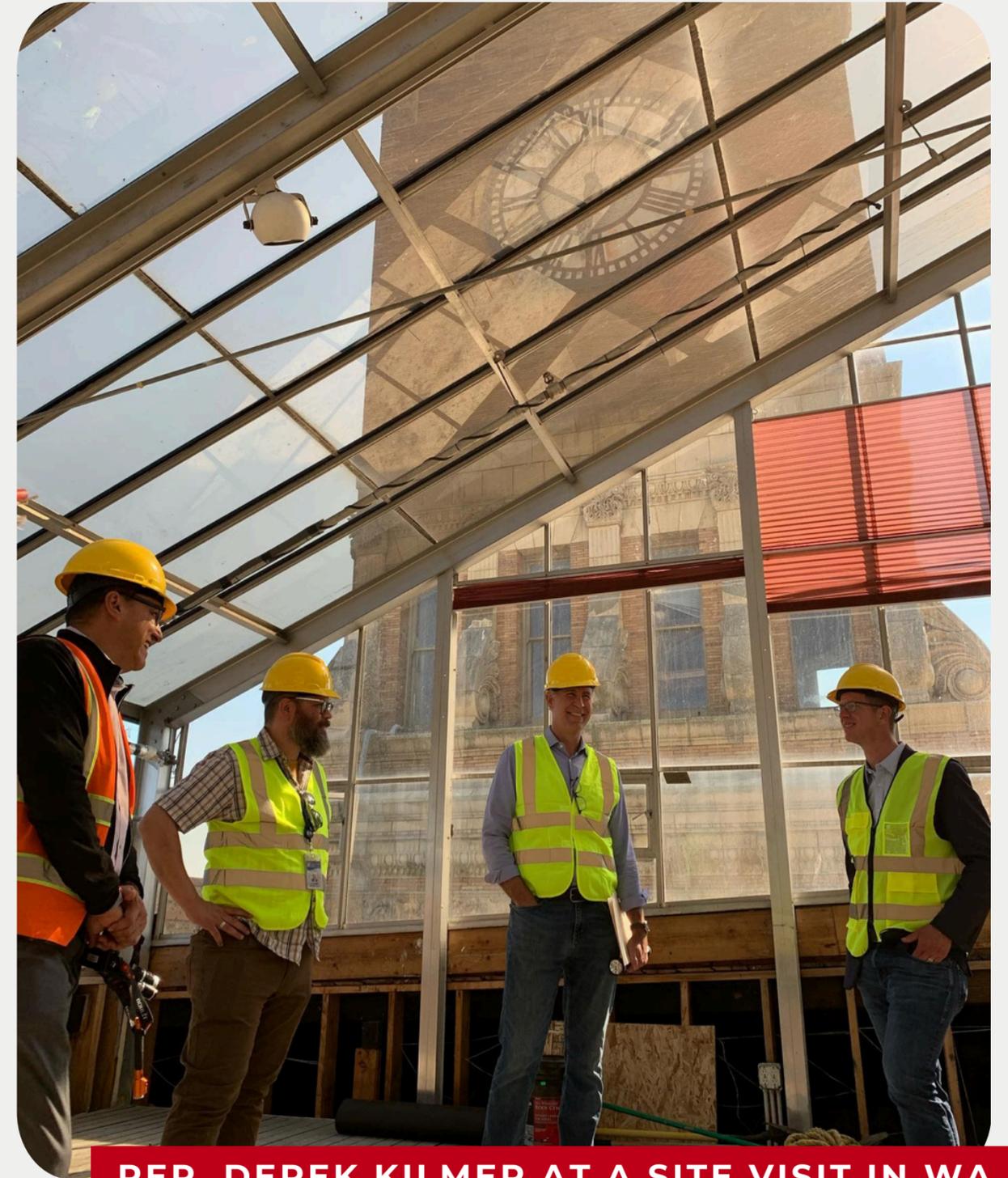
## LEAD IN 250TH

# Semiquincentennial Events

- Each state has a commission to coordinate 250<sup>th</sup> commemorative activities
- Encourage Members to participate in Semiquincentennial events in your state that highlight local history and culture

# Historic Site Visits

- Site visits are a tangible way to demonstrate the local impact of federal investments in historic preservation
- Invite Members to tour a Historic Tax Credit project or historic site in their district
- August recess and in-district periods



REP. DEREK KILMER AT A SITE VISIT IN WA

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BREAK

UNTIL 10:45AM

# ADDRESSING REGULATORY CHANGES



**Jennifer Flood**  
Deputy State  
Historic  
Preservation  
Officer, Georgia



**Erik Hein**  
Executive Director,  
NCSHPO



**Shawn Patch**  
Principal  
Investigator,  
New South  
Associates, Inc.



**Reylynn Williams**  
Tribal Historic  
Preservation  
Officer, Gila River  
Indian Community



**Marion  
Werkheiser**  
Co-founder and  
Chief Executive,  
Cultural Heritage  
Partners

TICKETED  
LUNCH  
SPEAKER

**Anthea  
Hartig**

ELIZABETH MACMILLAN DIRECTOR,  
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF  
AMERICAN HISTORY



**2025 BRUCE MACDOUGAL**

# ADVOCACY SCHOLARS

Preservation Action Foundation's **Bruce MacDougal Advocacy Scholars Program** recognizes the importance of training the next generation of preservation advocates by inviting selected scholars to participate in National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week.

Thanks to APIAHiP, Latinos in Heritage Conservation, and the Keepers Preservation Education Fund for supporting these incredible Advocacy Scholars



BRUCE MACDOUGAL

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**ADVOCACY SCHOLAR**

**DELANEY  
CAVENAGH**

Florida

Pratt Institute, NY



ADVOCACY SCHOLAR

# CAMERON DANESH

Arizona



**ADVOCACY SCHOLAR**

# EBONÉ IVORY

South Carolina

Charleston School of Law, SC



**ADVOCACY SCHOLAR**

**PAUL  
KIM**

California



**ADVOCACY SCHOLAR**

**LAUREN  
MILES**

Washington



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# GRACE ROBBINS

Florida

University of Florida



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# RYAN WALSH

Texas

City University of New York  
Law School, NY



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WALSH

New York



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# ELIZABETH WELCH

South Carolina

Goucher College, MD

# REMARKS FROM LEGISLATORS



**Rep. Sarah Elfreth**  
(D-MD)



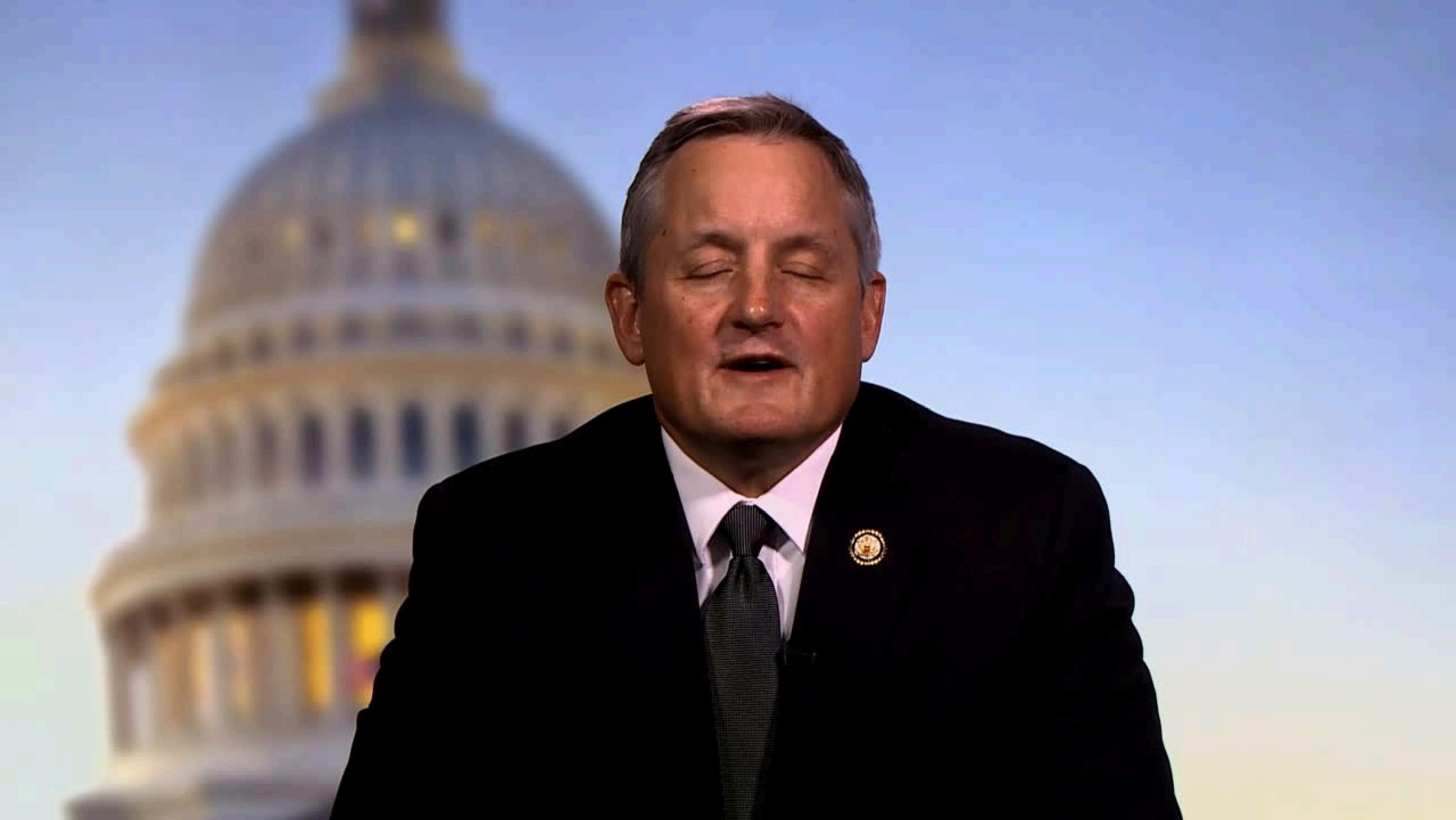
**Rep. Bruce Westerman**  
(R-AR)



**Senator Kirsten Gillibrand**  
(D-NY)

REPRESENTATIVE  
SARAH  
ELFRETH  
(D-MD)





A woman with short, wavy, light-colored hair is speaking. She is wearing a dark blazer over a white top. She has small, dark earrings. Behind her is a large, framed painting with a blue and green abstract design. The frame is gold. The background wall is light-colored.

Kirsten Gillibrand, and I'm pleased to welcome you all to Washington, D.C.,

# PULSE OF PRESERVATION



**Katlyn Cotton**  
Assistant Principal,  
PlaceEconomics



**Dawn DiPrince**  
President/CEO,  
History Colorado

State Historic  
Preservation  
Officer, Colorado



**Cinder Miller**  
President,  
Gray & Pape, Inc.



**Nick Redding**  
President & CEO,  
Preservation  
Maryland



**Grace Robbins**  
HP Student  
University of  
Florida

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Meet for tours in the lobby by 3:40**
  - **Check your registration email to confirm your tour**
- **Evening Reception**
  - **5-7pm**
  - **National Ballroom (here)**
- **Fill out your Hill Forms tomorrow!**
- **Coffee & Cookies in the hallway**
- **RESPEC Giveaway!**



Hill Report  
Form QR  
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**#preservationonthehill**





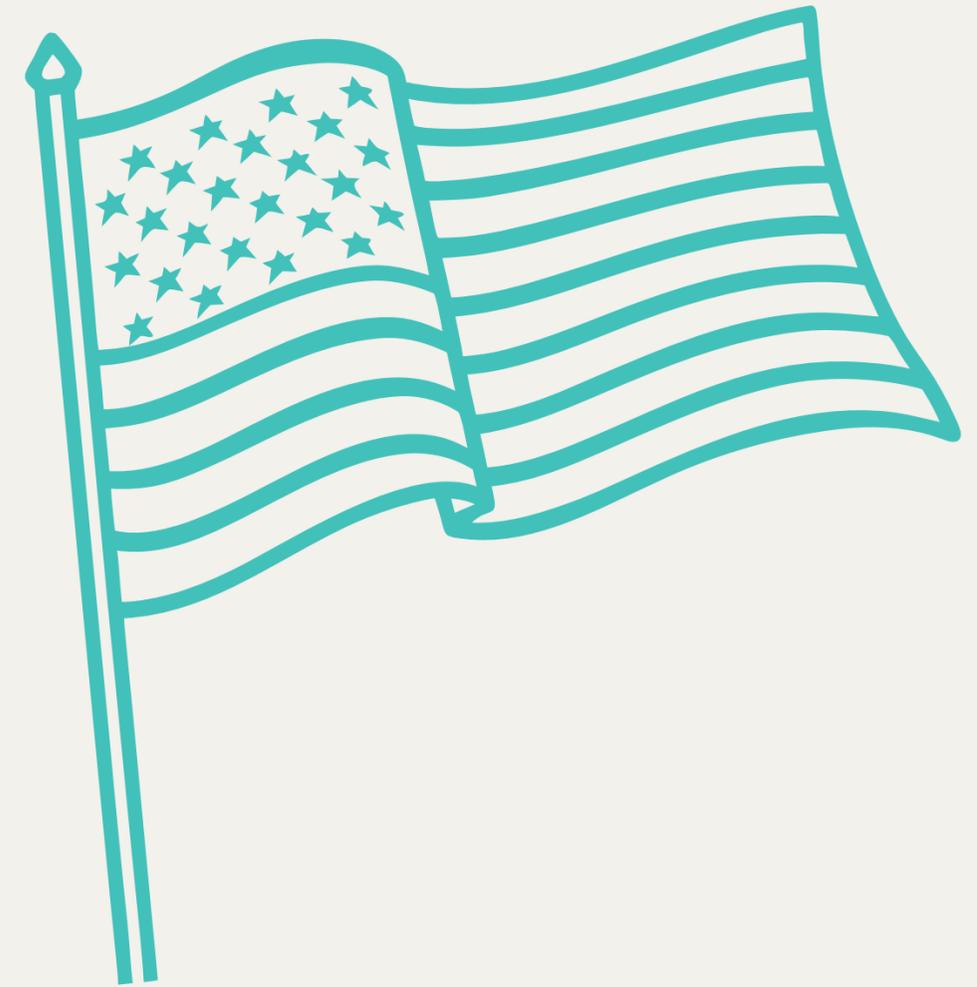
**RAFFLE  
TIME!**

**COURTESY OF  
RESPEC!**



# STATE BREAKOUTS

- **Find your state delegation**
- **Be in the lobby by 3:40PM to find your tour guide**



## DEPART FOR TOURS

**Meet in the lobby.**  
**Look for someone holding  
up a sign with your tour.**

**Dupont Circle/Embassy Row: Architecture of Ambition**

**Explore the Brewmaster's Castle**

**Inside tour of Dupont Circle 1800s-Present**

**Journey through Historic Anderson House**

**Association of American Colleges and Universities with Monarc**



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YOU

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