

How to Read the U.S. Senate Arts Support Record

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Membership in the Senate Cultural Caucus (arts and humanities) as of August 30, 2018. The list is maintained by the office of Caucus co-Chairs Senators Tom Udall (D-NM) and Susan Collins (R-ME).

Date: As of 8/30/2018
Result: 33 Members
Pro-arts: Member YES

2

Cosigned a "Dear Colleague" letter on April 10, 2018, asking Senate appropriators to fund the NEA and NEH at "no less than" \$155 million in FY 2019. The letter was led by Senator Tom Udall (D-NM).*

Date: As of 4/10/2018
Result: 41 Signatories
Pro-arts: Cosigned YES

3

Cosigned a "Dear Colleague" letter on March 31, 2017, asking Senate appropriators to fund the NEA and NEH at "not less than" \$149.8 million in FY 2018. The letter was led by Senator Tom Udall (D-NM).*

Date: As of 3/31/2018
Result: 40 Signatories
Pro-arts: Cosigned YES

4

Cosigned a "Dear Colleague" letter on April 13, 2018, asking Senate appropriators to support "robust" funding for the Office of Museum Services in FY 2019. The letter was led by Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Angus King (I-ME). *

Date: 4/13/2018
Result: 40 Signatories
Pro-arts: Cosigned YES

5

Cosigned a "Dear Colleague" letter on February 15, 2017, asking President Donald Trump to support funding for the NEA and NEH. The letter was led by Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Tom Udall (D-NM). *

Date: 2/15/2017
Result: 24 Signatories
Pro-arts: Cosigned YES

6

Voted against H.R. 1 on December 20, 2017—legislation that could negatively affect charitable giving. H.R. 1 was a comprehensive rewrite of the U.S. tax code. It included a doubling of the "standard deduction," which is projected to result in more taxpayers giving less to charity, including the arts.

Date: 12/20/2017
Result: Passed by a vote of 51-48
Pro-arts: Voted NO

7

Voted for S.J.Res.52 on May 16, 2018, a resolution expressing congressional disapproval of the Federal Communications Commission's actions that weakened net neutrality protections and would potentially harm nonprofits and creative entrepreneurs on the internet.

Date: 3/16/2018
Result: Passed by a vote of 52-47
Pro-arts: Voted YES

Pro-arts position signified with a filled-in dot on accompanying chart.

*** Appropriations Subcommittee members typically do not sign "Dear Colleague" letters, but many still support the ask.**

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Senator	Party-State	Notes as of 2/1/2019	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Lisa A. Murkowski	R-AK		●	○	○	○	○	○	●
Dan Sullivan	R-AK		○	○	○	●	○	○	○
Doug Jones	D-AL	Took office 1/3/2018	○	○	⊗	○	⊗	⊗	●
Richard C. Shelby	R-AL		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
John Boozman	R-AR		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Tom Cotton	R-AR		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Martha McSally	R-AZ		⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗
Krysten Sinema	D-AZ		⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗
Dianne Feinstein	D-CA	Running for re-election in 2018	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Kamala Harris	D-CA	Took office 1/3/2017	●	●	○	○	○	●	●
Michael Bennet	D-CO		●	●	●	○	○	●	●
Cory Gardner	R-CO		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Richard Blumenthal	D-CT		●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Christopher Murphy	D-CT	Running for re-election in 2018	●	●	●	●	○	●	●
Thomas R. Carper	D-DE	Running for re-election in 2018	○	●	●	●	○	●	●
Chris Coons	D-DE		○	●	●	●	●	●	●
Marco Rubio	R-FL		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Rick Scott	R-FL		⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗
Johnny Isakson	R-GA		●	○	○	○	○	○	○
David Perdue	R-GA		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Mazie Hirono	D-HI	Running for re-election in 2018	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Brian Schatz	D-HI		●	●	●	●	○	●	●
Joni Ernst	R-IA		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Charles E. Grassley	R-IA		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Michael D. Crapo	R-ID		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Jim Risch	R-ID		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Tammy Duckworth	D-IL	Took office 1/3/2017	○	●	●	●	○	●	●
Richard J. Durbin	D-IL		●	●	●	●	○	●	●
Mike Braun	R-IN		⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗
Todd Young	R-IN		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Jerry Moran	R-KS		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Pat Roberts	R-KS		○	○	○	○	○	○	●
Mitch McConnell	R-KY		○	○	○	○	○	○	●
Rand Paul	R-KY		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
William Cassidy	R-LA		○	○	○	○	○	○	●
John Kennedy	R-LA		○	○	○	○	○	○	●
Edward J. Markey	D-MA		○	●	●	●	●	●	●
Elizabeth Warren	D-MA	Running for re-election in 2018	○	●	●	●	○	●	●
Benjamin L. Cardin	D-MD	Running for re-election in 2018	○	●	●	●	●	●	●
Chris Van Hollen	D-MD	Took office 1/3/2017	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Susan M. Collins	R-ME		●	○	○	○	●	○	●
Angus S. King, Jr.	I-ME	Running for re-election in 2018	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Gary C. Peters	D-MI		●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Debbie Stabenow	D-MI	Running for re-election in 2018	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Amy Klobuchar	D-MN	Running for re-election in 2018	●	●	○	●	○	●	●
Tina Smith	D-MN	Took office 1/3/2018 Running for re-election in 2018	○	●	⊗	●	⊗	⊗	●
Roy Blunt	R-MO		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Josh Hawley	R-MO		⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗
Cindy Hyde-Smith	R-MS	Took office 4/9/2018 Running for re-election in 2018	○	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	○
Roger Wicker	R-MS	Running for re-election in 2018	●	○	○	○	○	○	○

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Steve Daines	R-MT		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Jon Tester	D-MT	<i>Running for re-election in 2018</i>	●	●	○	●	○	●	●
Richard Burr	R-NC		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Thom Tillis	R-NC		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Kevin Cramer	R-ND		⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗
John Hoeven	R-ND		●	○	○	○	○	○	○
Deb Fischer	R-NE	<i>Running for re-election in 2018</i>	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Ben Sasse	R-NE		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Margaret Wood Hassan	D-NH	<i>Took office 1/3/2017</i>	○	○	●	●	●	●	●
Jeanne Shaheen	D-NH		○	●	●	●	●	●	●
Cory A. Booker	D-NJ		●	●	●	●	○	●	●
Robert Menendez	D-NJ	<i>Running for re-election in 2018</i>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Martin T. Heinrich	D-NM	<i>Running for re-election in 2018</i>	○	●	●	●	○	●	●
Tom Udall	D-NM		●	●	●	○	●	●	●
Catherine Cortez Masto	D-NV	<i>Took office 1/3/2017</i>	○	○	○	●	○	●	●
Jacky Rosen	D-NV		⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗
Kirsten Gillibrand	D-NY	<i>Running for President in 2020</i>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Charles E. Schumer	D-NY		●	○	○	○	○	●	●
Sherrod Brown	D-OH	<i>Running for re-election in 2018</i>	●	●	●	●	○	●	●
Rob Portman	R-OH		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
James M. Inhofe	R-OK		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
James Lankford	R-OK		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Jeff Merkley	D-OR		○	●	●	●	○	●	●
Ron Wyden	D-OR		○	○	●	●	●	●	●
Robert P. Casey	D-PA	<i>Running for re-election in 2018</i>	○	●	●	●	○	●	●
Patrick J. Toomey	R-PA		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Jack Reed	D-RI		●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Sheldon Whitehouse	D-RI	<i>Running for re-election in 2018</i>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lindsey Graham	R-SC		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Tim Scott	R-SC		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Mike Rounds	R-SD		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
John Thune	R-SD		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Lamar Alexander	R-TN		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Marsha Blackburn	R-TN		⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗
John Cornyn	R-TX		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Ted Cruz	R-TX	<i>Running for re-election in 2018</i>	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Mike Lee	R-UT		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Mitt Romney	R-UT		⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗	⊗
Tim Kaine	D-VA	<i>Running for re-election in 2018</i>	○	●	●	●	○	●	●
Mark Warner	D-VA		○	●	○	○	○	●	●
Patrick J. Leahy	D-VT		○	○	○	○	●	●	●
Bernard Sanders	I-VT	<i>Running for re-election in 2018</i>	○	●	●	●	●	●	●
Maria Cantwell	D-WA	<i>Running for re-election in 2018</i>	●	●	●	●	○	●	●
Patty Murray	D-WA		●	○	●	○	○	●	●
Tammy Baldwin	D-WI	<i>Running for re-election in 2018</i>	○	●	●	●	●	●	●
Ron Johnson	R-WI		○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Shelley Moore Capito	R-WV		●	○	○	○	●	○	○
Joe Manchin	D-WV	<i>Running for re-election in 2018</i>	●	●	●	●	○	●	●
John Barrasso	R-WY	<i>Running for re-election in 2018</i>	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Michael B. Enzi	R-WY		●	○	○	○	○	○	○

* Unofficial Member of the Senate Cultural Caucus

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