



# Council of State Historical Records Coordinators

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The Honorable Susan M. Collins, Chairwoman  
Committee on Governmental Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

On behalf of the Council of State Historical Records Coordinators (COSHRC), please accept this letter of support for the nomination of Dr. Allen Weinstein to the position of Archivist of the United States.

COSHRC supports this nomination based on Dr. Weinstein's stated receptivity and willingness to advance two issues currently being promoted by COSHRC:

**A National Initiative for Historical Records.** Similar in nature to formula-based grant programs already in place for libraries, the humanities, and historic (building) preservation, this proposed program would provide funding for archives and historical records within every state and territory. The grant-making arm of the National Archives--the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC)--would administer the program.

**Collaboration between Federal, State, and Territorial Archives and Professional Associations.** A partnership between the National Archives, the state and territorial archives, and archives professional associations--focused on common areas of program, practice, training, and education--needs to be developed, sustained, and invigorated. Here also, NHPRC can exercise a leading role in developing consensus on public policy on preservation of and access to America's documentary heritage.

Dr. Weinstein's nomination received unanimous support from COSHRC members in attendance during our annual meeting on July 16, 2004. A list of meeting attendees, along with their respective states and territories, is appended to this letter.

The Council of State Historical Records Coordinators is a professional association representing the directors of the state and territorial archives in the United States. The mission of COSHRC is to ensure that our nation's historical records are valued, preserved, and widely used.

We appreciate the attention which your office and your committee have directed to this important appointment. Please be assured that we are available to lend any assistance to the process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathleen D. Roe  
COSHRC President

cc: Council of State Historical Records Coordinators  
Dr. Allen Weinstein

The following individuals attended the  
**Council of State Historical Records Coordinators Annual Meeting**  
**Friday, July 16, 2004**  
as representatives of their respective states and territories

**Alabama**

Tracey Berezansky  
Alabama Department of Archives and  
History, Montgomery

**Alaska**

Kenneth Nail, Jr.  
Alaska State Archives, Juneau

**American Samoa**

James Himphill  
Office of Archives and Records  
Management, Pago Pago

**Arizona**

Gladys Ann Wells, David Hooper,  
Melanie Sturgeon  
Arizona State Library, Archives and  
Public Records, Phoenix

**Colorado**

Terry Ketelsen  
Colorado State Archives, Denver

**Delaware**

Timothy A. Slavin  
Delaware Public Archives, Dover

**District of Columbia**

Clarence Davis  
DC Public Records/Archives

**Florida**

Jim Berberich  
Bureau of Archives and Records  
Management, Tallahassee

**Georgia**

David Carmicheal  
The Georgia Archives, Office of the  
Secretary of State, Atlanta

**Hawaii**

Susan Shaner  
Hawaii State Archives, Honolulu

**Idaho**

Steve Walker  
Idaho State Historical Society, Boise

**Iowa**

Gordon O. Hendrickson  
State Historical Society of Iowa,  
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Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka

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Glen McAninch  
Kentucky Department for Libraries and  
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State Library of Louisiana,  
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Jim Henderson  
Maine State Archives, Augusta

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William Milhomme  
Massachusetts Archives, Boston

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Michigan Historical Center, Lansing

**Minnesota**

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Minnesota Historical Society,  
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Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City

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Montana Historical Society, Helena

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Jeffrey Kintop  
Nevada State Library and Archives  
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**New Hampshire**

Frank Mevers  
Division of Records Management and  
Archives, Concord

**New Jersey**

Karl Niederer  
Division of Archives and Records  
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State Records Center and Archives,  
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Pennsylvania Historical and Museum  
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