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**The Council of State Archivists
Statement on the Archivist of the United States Nomination**

The Council of State Archivists (CoSA) is pleased that the Biden administration is moving forward with a [nomination for the office of Archivist of the United States \(AOTUS\)](#). We look forward to learning more about the nominee, Dr. Colleen Shogan, and her vision for the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). As the leader of NARA, the AOTUS is central to facilitating the relationship between the state and national archival repositories. As a representative of the repositories of official government records of state, territorial, and District of Columbia governments, CoSA looks forward to continuing this important relationship with the new AOTUS.

CoSA [issued a statement in January](#) articulating its expectations for the role and relationship between NARA and the various state and territorial archives. Given the complex and interdependent creation of information between all levels of government, a strong collaborative relationship between NARA and the members of CoSA is critical to the full and rich representation of our nation's history. Only through such authentic agency partnership can we ensure that the records essential to our republic and its constituent parts are adequately managed, preserved, and accessible.

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