

February 15, 2024

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Last September we sent a letter to House Appropriations Committee Chair Kay Granger and House Rules Committee Chair Tom Cole, which we include for your review and consideration, commending the House Appropriators for defunding the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Latino in the FY24 Department of the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies bill (HR 4821).

We are writing to you today to ask you and House Leadership to remain firm against any effort to put back in funding for the museum in the final package that ultimately comes out of Congress.

As we stated in the aforementioned letter, the museum is disgracefully being used by Leftist scholars to push a culturally Marxist narrative about the experiences of Hispanics in America. Hispanics are portrayed as mere victims of all sorts of discrimination and their outstanding achievements and contributions to the country are largely ignored.

Taxpayer money should not be used to promote any type of ideological perspectives to the public, especially when, as in this case, it offers a distorted and offensive description of an entire group of American citizens.

The reality is that providing more funding for the museum at this time will only embolden the Leftist ideologues that control it. And, once the museum is fully established and built, Congress will be practically powerless to demand any changes.

We were very pleased when the full House passed HR 4821 without taking out the museum's funding cut. As negotiations with the Senate begin, we respectfully request that you continue to make defunding this woke museum a priority.

Sincerely,

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