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Statement from AFGE Local 3403 on Lawsuits to Block Trump Administration's Destruction of Institute of Museum and Library Services



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This week, 21 Attorneys General, including New Jersey's Attorney General, the American Library Association (ALA), and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), filed separate suits to block the Trump Administration's destruction of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

Arbitrarily cutting off grants and firing staff cuts at the heart of American communities. IMLS provides the necessary resources for all Americans to be lifelong learners through museums and libraries across the country.

Congress authorized IMLS and appropriated millions of dollars to support its programming because its members understand the value of local libraries and museums preserving our culture and values. Congress must wake up and start doing its job - forcing the Administration to properly staff and support IMLS.

For more information on the lawsuits please visit [001.-2025.04.07-ALA-v.-Sonderling-Complaint.pdf](#) and [new-york-et-al-v-donald-j-trump-institute-of-museum-and-library-services-et-al-complaint-2025_0.pdf](#).