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Congressman Flake Irked By Proposed \$18 Million Increase in National Endowment for the Arts Budget

NEA Funding Ought to Be Cut, Not Increased

Mesa, Arizona - Arizona Congressman Jeff Flake, who represents the state's Sixth District, today was irked by reports that President Bush's budget for fiscal year 2005 would include a \$18 million budget increase for the National Endowment for the Arts.

“Even those who would argue that arts funding is a legitimate role of the federal government - a view I do not share - have got to concede that increasing funding while we're running record deficits is imprudent,” said Flake.

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