GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE AND LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

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Under the leadership of Government Publishing Office (GPO) Director Davita E. Vance-Cooks and Librarian of Congress Carla D. Hayden, GPO and the Library of Congress are transforming themselves into responsive, modern agencies. However, without adequate funding, these agencies will not be able to continue to meet the increasing demands of the digital age.

For Fiscal Year 2018, GPO submitted a flat funding request, noting that recent cost savings and reallocations have allowed it to request only the necessary appropriations to support its core programs, including the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) and FDsys/govinfo. The Library of Congress (LC) requested an eight percent increase this year so that it may continue to invest in its electronic and physical storage, digitizing historically significant collections, and update the Library's technology infrastructure. This is a modest request given the Library's responsibilities to act as the main research arm of the U.S. Congress; the home of the U.S. Copyright Office, Congressional Research Service, and Law Library of Congress; and as source of enduring knowledge for visitors from all over the world.

AALL urges Congress to support the funding requests of GPO and the Library of Congress because:

- **With the constant evolution of the internet and rapidly changing technologies, GPO and LC must work harder than ever before to meet their respective missions.** Keeping up with the demands of information lifecycle management – including collection, processing, dissemination, use, storage, and disposition – requires adequate resources.

- **For more than 150 years, GPO has "kept America informed" by providing access to official, authentic government information.** Today, GPO provides cost-effective access to government information from all three branches in tangible and electronic formats. GPO must have adequate funding to support the Federal Depository Library Program and the development of govinfo.

- **Thanks to Dr. Hayden's leadership, LC is expanding access to its collections, modernizing its workforce, and updating the Library's information technology (IT) infrastructure.** The Library must have adequate funding to address growing IT, collection development, and storage needs.