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The Honorable Gregg Harper
Committee on House Administration
1309 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Chairman Harper and Ranking Member Brady,

On behalf of the Association of Research Libraries, the American Library Association and the American Association of Law Libraries, we write in strong support of H.R. 5305, the FDLP Modernization Act of 2018. The legislation will update and strengthen the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) to ensure that members of the public have effective and long-term access to government information.

Through hearings and in-person meetings, members of the Committee and staff listened to the concerns of librarians regarding the pressing need to modernize Title 44 provisions relating to the FDLP. H.R. 5305 updates the law to reflect the digital, networked environment and library cooperative practices. At the same time, the bill provides needed flexibility as practices and technologies evolve over time.

Our associations very much appreciate the work of the Committee on House Administration on the FDLP Modernization Act of 2018 and thank the Committee for tackling this important topic. We are grateful for the Committee's efforts to address the concerns of the library community. We look forward to working with the Committee as the bill progresses through the House of Representatives.

Please let us know if there is additional information we can provide.

Sincerely,

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