



February 3, 2020

The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
Chair
Committee on House Administration
1309 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rodney Davis
Ranking Member
Committee on House Administration
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Dear Chair Lofgren and Ranking Member Davis:

On behalf of the American Library Association and the American Association of Law Libraries, we write in support of Titles IV and V of the Moving Our Democracy and Congressional Operations Towards Modernization (MODCOM) Resolution of 2019, H. Res. 756.

This resolution advances bipartisan recommendations from the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress. In particular, Title IV (Making the House Accessible to All) and Title V (Improving Access to Documents and Publications) will strengthen transparency, increase accountability, and promote public access to government information. We commend the sponsors, comprising all the members of the Select Committee, for including provisions to improve access to Congressional websites for individuals with disabilities; ensure the adoption of standardized formats for legislative documents to bring greater efficiency to the lawmaking process; and finalize the creation of a public website to clearly show how a bill or resolution will change current law.

We look forward to the Committee's consideration of H. Res. 756 and urge its prompt consideration by the full House of Representatives. We welcome the opportunity to engage with this Committee and the Select Committee about additional ways to strengthen public access to Congressional information, including the modernization of the Federal Depository Library Program.

Sincerely,

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