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The Honorable Gary C. Peters  
Chairman  
Committee on Homeland Security &  
Governmental Affairs  
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Rob Portman  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Homeland Security &  
Governmental Affairs  
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Dear Chairman Peters and Ranking Member Portman:

On behalf of the American Library Association (ALA), I write to endorse the confirmation of Dr. Colleen Shogan as the next Archivist of the United States.

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is responsible, through several crucial roles, for safeguarding and promoting public access to government information and historical records. We believe Dr. Shogan shares our commitment to carry forward and strengthen NARA's important activities and services in a collaborative and nonpartisan manner.

In her nomination hearing and in meeting with us, Dr. Shogan identified how her diverse professional experience – including previous service at the Library of Congress – along with her vision and leadership skills, would enable her to advance NARA's mission. We urge the Committee to promptly advance Dr. Shogan's nomination to lead NARA as the next Archivist of the United States.

Sincerely,



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