



September 28, 2015

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Librarian of Congress is a critical leadership position that promotes democratic values, supports economic development, and facilitates equal access to information and knowledge in our ever-changing world. The Library of Congress is the nation's preeminent institution for preserving and promoting our country's diverse cultural record.

As you consider naming the next Librarian of Congress, the Virginia Library Association respectfully adds its voice to the growing list of individuals and groups urging you to select a professional librarian for the position. We believe the mission of the Library of Congress, "...to further the progress of knowledge and creativity for the benefit of the American people" can best be led by an accomplished librarian. We further encourage you to nominate a candidate who will seek to move us forward in the digital age without leaving any populations behind.

Most respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzy Szasz Palmer".

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