

June 11, 2013

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Chairman  
Committee on Rules & Administration  
United States Senate  
305 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Pat Roberts  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Rules & Administration  
United States Senate  
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Dear Chairman Schumer and Ranking Member Roberts:

We write to you today in support of President Obama's nomination of Davita Vance-Cooks for Public Printer of the United States. The Government Printing Office (GPO) is the federal government's leader in providing no-fee permanent public access to government information. The Public Printer has the important role of overseeing GPO's public access programs, including the Federal Depository Library Program and the Federal Digital System (FDsys). We believe Ms. Vance-Cooks has the understanding of GPO and the management skills to successfully lead the agency in the digital age.

Ms. Vance-Cooks has nine years of experience at GPO, serving in various leadership roles. Before coming to GPO, she held several private sector management positions, including as Senior Vice-President of Operations for NYLCare MidAtlantic Health Plan. Since becoming Acting Public Printer in January 2012, she has led a rebranding of GPO as the "*official, digital, secure* resource for producing, procuring, cataloging, indexing, authenticating, disseminating, and preserving the official information products of the Federal Government."

In her role as Acting Public Printer, Ms. Vance-Cooks has established a positive and productive relationship with the library community. In May 2012, representatives from our library organizations joined Ms. Vance-Cooks to discuss our priorities and challenges. We appreciated the opportunity to share our concerns and ideas with her.

At the 2012 Depository Library Conference, Ms. Vance-Cooks said, "I am passionate about the mission, the vision and the core values of the United States Government Printing Office. I recognize and I respect the history of the GPO over the past 151 years. And I am excited about collaborating with our stakeholders to build the future." We look forward to working with Ms. Vance-Cooks to build that future.

We believe Ms. Vance-Cooks has the understanding of GPO and the management skills to successfully undertake and lead the critical transitions necessary for the agency in the digital age. We urge you to support her nomination as the next Public Printer of the United States.

Sincerely,

American Association of Law Libraries  
American Library Association  
Association of Research Libraries  
Medical Library Association  
Special Libraries Association



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## ALA American Library Association

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