



December 11, 2019

The Honorable Lamar Alexander  
Chairman  
Committee on Health, Education,  
Labor, and Pensions  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Health, Education,  
Labor, and Pensions  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray:

On behalf of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), a nonprofit collective of 124 research libraries in the United States and Canada, I write in support of the nomination of Crosby Kemper III to be the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

IMLS is indispensable for libraries across the United States, sustaining and advancing our nation's core infrastructure for scholarship, learning, and cultural heritage. ARL is confident that Mr. Kemper will provide vigorous and forward-thinking leadership at IMLS. Mr. Kemper has an exemplary record as the executive director of the Kansas City Public Library since 2005, as well as a long record of service at other civic and cultural organizations, such as the School, Health & Libraries Broadband Coalition.

ARL urges the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions to approve Mr. Kemper's nomination, and hopes that he will be swiftly confirmed by the full Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MLK" followed by a stylized flourish.

Mary Lee Kennedy  
Executive Director  
Association of Research Libraries