

# Depository Library Council

*Advisory body to the Director of the U.S. Government Publishing Office*

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Scott Matheson, Superintendent of Documents  
U.S. Government Publishing Office  
732 North Capitol Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20401

Dear Superintendent Matheson,

On behalf of the Depository Library Council (Council or DLC), I am pleased to share with you the Council's consensus feedback for Public Policy 4-26 addressing "Permanent Public Access to U.S. Government Public Information through Preservation."

Council discussed the draft Public Policy during an information sharing call; Council members also had the opportunity to provide feedback asynchronously.

Council members were impressed with the Policy's clear structure and improved readability. They expressed appreciation for the stronger language that they anticipate would be useful to share with library administrators, colleagues without core depository responsibilities, or those new to the depository profession.

This Public Policy could also provide another avenue to advocate for and justify depository collections. Notably, Council believes this sentence, "Maintenance is the proper care of collections taking preventative measures to protect them from decay and deterioration," will assist those who are concerned about the preservation of tangible collections. Though we are moving forward in a digital depository landscape, this Public Policy articulates the necessity and responsibility of preservation of tangible government documents.

Council noted there may be an opportunity to align this Public Policy with the [Legal Requirements & Program Regulations of the Federal Depository Library Program](#).

DLC appreciates the thoughtful consideration Government Publishing Office staff members have taken in creating the revised Public Policy. We are pleased to provide feedback in its draft form. We hope you find our comments helpful. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Angela Bonnell". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name.

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