



FDLP Modernization Act of 2018

Information Dissemination Products

Agency Deposits
Selective Depositories

Modernization Privacy

Regardless of Format

National Collection

Gift Authority Preservation FDL P Training

Trustworthy Online Repository

Comprehensive Catalog

Authentication Flexibility Free access Digital Deposit Data Integrity

Regional Depositories
Strengthen Agency Relationships
Preservation Depositories

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**GPO STATEMENT ON H.R. 5305,
THE FDL P MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2018**

WASHINGTON—On March 15, 2018, Committee on House Administration Chairman Gregg Harper introduced H.R. 5305, the FDL P Modernization Act of 2018, a bipartisan bill cosponsored by all of the Committee to reform the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). The FDL P is administered by the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO).

The GPO is pleased to support the FDL P Modernization Act of 2018. We appreciate the continued commitment of the Committee engaged in this work as well as other key stakeholders during its development. This bill recognizes the important role Federal Depository Libraries play in ensuring free public access to information.

The GPO is proud to have established the FDL P for more than a century, providing its government information products to the public. We are committed to ensuring that the FDL P continues to provide the best possible service to the public.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Andrew Sherman, Acting Director, U.S. GPO

FROM: James Shaw, for the Depository Library Council

DATE: March 26, 2018

SUBJECT: DLC support for H.R. 5305, FDL P Modernization Act of 2018

The Depository Library Council has reviewed H.R. 5305, the FDL P Modernization Act of 2018, and we wish to express our support for the bill. This legislation will update and revise the Federal Depository Library Program, so that it can continue its long history of providing the public with free to access Federal government information.

The FDL P represents a remarkably effective partnership between libraries and the GPO, and we are grateful for changes that recognize its continued importance. Depository libraries not only provide access to information, but also to knowledgeable staff who offer research assistance and referrals. We think H.R. 5305 will strengthen the FDL P and provide a firm foundation for the program going forward.

We especially appreciate that H.R. 5305 clearly specifies that the GPO and the "offices of Government" must work together to ensure that Federal publications be identified and incorporated into the FDL P. Provisions that bolster authentication address concerns about the provenance and trustworthiness of Federal government information. Respect for user privacy encourages the public to take full advantage of electronic resources.

We appreciate that the Committee on House Administration invested much time and effort to consult stakeholders and to gather information to inform its deliberations. We think that H.R. 5305 addresses present concerns while also providing flexibility that will keep the FDL P strong and viable for years to come. We are happy to lend our support to the bill, and we thank you for conveying our thoughts to the Committee.

Cc/Laurie Hill, Superintendent of Documents, U.S. GPO

ASSOCIATION OF RESEARCH LIBRARIES / **ALA** American Library Association / **AALL** AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

March 16, 2018

The Honorable Gregg Harper
Committee on House Administration
1305 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Robert Brady
Committee on House Administration
1305 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Harper and Ranking Member Brady,

On behalf of the Association of Research Libraries, the American Library Association and the American Association of Law Libraries, we write in strong support of H.R. 5305, the FDL P Modernization Act of 2018. The legislation will update and strengthen the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) to ensure that members of the public have effective and long-term access to government information.

Through hearings and in-person meetings, members of the Committee and staff listened to the concerns of librarians regarding the pressing need to modernize the 44 provisions relating to the FDL P. H.R. 5305 updates the law to reflect the digital, networked environment and library cooperative practices. At the same time, the bill provides needed flexibility as practices and technologies evolve over time.

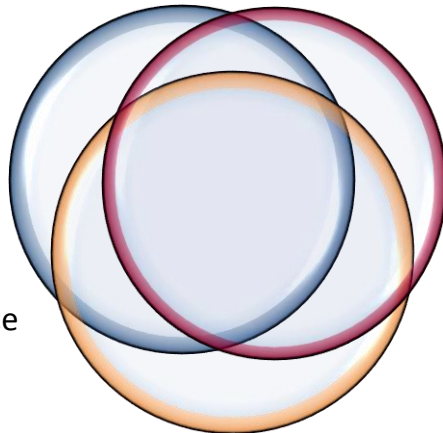
Our associations very much appreciate the work of the Committee on House Administration on the FDL P Modernization Act of 2018 and thank the Committee for tackling this important topic. We are grateful for the Committee's efforts to address the concerns of the library community. We look forward to working with the Committee as the bill progresses through the House of Representatives.

Please let us know if there is additional information we can provide.

Sincerely,
Prudence S. Adler
Prudence S. Adler, Association of Research Libraries

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Garvin R. Baker, American Library Association

Emily Petres
Emily Petres, American Association of Law Libraries



Intersection of Ideas

- Depository Community
- Depository Library Council
- Government Publishing Office

H.R. 5305

For more information on FDL P.gov:
<https://www.fdlp.gov/about-fdlp/23-projects/3353-title-44-revision>

H.R. 5305 — Unanimously Reported Out of Committee

As of
4/17/2018



Committee on House Administration Chairman Harper stated, "What better way to mark the occasion of National Library Week, than with the FDLP Modernization Act moving one step closer to making meaningful reforms for libraries and our nation." 04/12/2018



3
Stakeholder
meetings

5
Hearings

Introduced
3/15/2018

CHA
Bipartisan
Support

Modernizing Fundamental Public Access to
Government Information

APR 12, 2018

WASHINGTON – Committee on House Administration, led by Chairman Gregg Harper (MS-3), today unanimously reported H.R. 5305, the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) Modernization Act of 2018, out of Committee.

<https://cha.house.gov/>

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