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Lori Thornton
Chair, Depository Library Council
Bureau Chief, Public Services
New Mexico State Library
1209 Camino Carlos Rey
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87507

Dear Ms. Thornton,

The Federal Register Modernization Act, H.R. 1654, was recently passed by the House of Representatives. It was introduced into the Senate and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The *Federal Register* (FR) and the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) are long-standing popular titles in the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). Currently there are 439 depository libraries selecting the FR and 593 selecting the CFR.

Therefore, I am charging the Depository Library Council (DLC) with reviewing H.R. 1654 and identifying any concerns you and your depository library colleagues may have with this bill. The upcoming spring meeting of the DLC will be an opportune time to receive comments from the depository community.

Please deliver an issue brief on the Federal Register Modernization Act to the Government Publishing Office Acting Deputy Director, and copy the Superintendent of Documents, by May 10, 2019. The brief should include any inferences on how the passage of H.R. 1654 into law may impact the FDLP.

I thank you and your fellow members of DLC for their service, and continued dedication to *Keeping America Informed* by providing free public access to Government information.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Herbert H. Jackson, Jr." in a cursive style.

HERBERT H. JACKSON, JR
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