April 28, 2016

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Appropriations
United States Capitol; H-305
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Request to Remove "Library of Congress Classification"
Amendment from Legislative Branch Appropriations Legislation

Dear Chairman Rogers, Ranking Member Lowey and Members of the Committee:

We write today on behalf of the more than 58,000 members of the American Library Association and of the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS): the division of ALA members expert in cataloging and classification. We do so to respectfully urge the House Appropriations Committee to strike language in legislation just adopted by its Legislative Branch Subcommittee that would bar the Library of Congress (Library) from implementing an appropriate and thoroughly researched change in its subject heading classifications announced in late March of this year.

Specifically, the Library proposes to replace the terms "Aliens" with "Noncitizens," and "Illegal aliens" with two headings: "Noncitizens" and/or "Unauthorized immigration." While some

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