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Dear Ms. MacDonald,

Thank you for your letter of December 18, 2012, and for sharing the position of the Association of Canadian Archivists (ACA) relative to the Pan-Canadian Documentary Heritage Network (PCDHN).

As you know, supporting the development of Canada's documentary heritage communities is an important object of the *Library and Archives of Canada Act*, and the Librarian and Archivist of Canada may use various approaches to realize this objective. I assure you that Library and Archives Canada (LAC) continues to fulfil all of its obligations under *Act*. The PCDHN is the way that LAC engages with members of the documentary heritage communities, to share information and explore opportunities to work together on common issues.

All documentation from the November 5-6, 2012 Pan-Canadian Documentary Heritage Forum was made available to invitees using a collaborative online platform in mid-November. Forum invitees, including the ACA, were extended invitations to access the platform and to share the material widely within their respective networks. I invite the ACA to consult this documentation, and want to assure you that a consultative approach was used to develop the 2012 Forum agenda.

In closing, LAC remains open to continuing dialogue and to working with all of Canada's documentary heritage communities through the PCDHN. Please do not hesitate to be in touch with me directly should you want to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely,

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