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The Honourable James Moore
Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Minister Moore:

Re: The Librarian and Archivist of Canada

I am writing you on behalf of the Association of Canadian Archivists (ACA) concerning the appointment of the next Librarian and Archivist of Canada.

Established in 1975, the ACA is a national not-for-profit organization based in Ottawa representing over 600 archivists in Canada. The ACA's mandate is to provide the archival profession leadership and to facilitate an understanding and appreciation of Canada's archival heritage.

As Library and Archives Canada enters a new phase of leadership, the ACA urges you to appoint a qualified professional archivist or librarian as the next Librarian and Archivist of Canada. As it faces critical challenges in its traditional activities of preservation and access, LAC requires a visionary leader - someone with a deep understanding and appreciation of the library and archives environment, the communities they serve, and the issues they face. We are confident such leaders can be found within the Canadian archival and library communities.

Further, ACA hopes this person will take an authentic, consultative approach to collaborating with government, LAC staff, researchers, as well as the library and archives networks to best serve Canadians and their need for information resources. Indeed, the stewardship of Canada's documentary heritage requires ongoing and innovative collaboration, particularly as our practice now faces the challenges of digital preservation.

LAC has been central to the preservation of Canada's documentary heritage and a leader in the archival community, not only in Canada but throughout the world. The ACA hopes that the next head of LAC will understand and embrace the role of this great institution.

Yours sincerely,

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