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October 25, 2016

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Terence R. McAuliffe

Governor of Virginia

The Honorable Thomas K. Norment, Jr. The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger, Jr. Co-Chairmen, Senate Finance Committee

The Honorable S. Chris Jones

Chairman, House Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Frank M. Ruff, Jr.

Chairman, Senate General Laws and Technology

The Honorable Gilbert C. Todd Chairman, House General Laws

From: Sandra G. Treadway

Librarian of Virginia

Subject: Annual Report on Compliance with the State Publications Depository Act for

2015-2016

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the provisions of § 42.1-97 of the <u>Code of Virginia</u>, I am pleased to provide the annual report for November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2016 indicating which state agencies did not furnish or otherwise make available copies of their publications or other information as required under this chapter. The response on behalf of agencies to the request by the Library of Virginia was overwhelmingly position with a net deposit of

cc: Holly Coy

Deputy Secretary of Education

ANNUAL REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE PUBLICATIONS DEPOSITORY ACT 2015-2016

Per the instructions in § 42.1-97 of the <u>Code of Virginia</u>, requiring the Librarian of Virginia to report annually to the Governor and the chairmen of the House and Senate Committees on General Laws and the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees of the General Assembly, indicating which, if any, state agencies did not furnish or otherwise make available copies of their publications or other information required under this chapter, I wish to advise you on compliance with the Act through 31 October 2016.

The role of the State Publications Depository Program, described in § 42.1-92 of the <u>Code of Virginia</u> includes the following:

"... the General Assembly recognizes that an informed citizenry is indispensable to the proper functioning of a democratic society. In order to remain informed, citizens must know about the activities of their government and benefit from information developed at public expense. Through the administration of the State Publications Depository Program, citizens will be ensured continued access to state publications, regardless of geographical location in the Commonwealth."

To that end, the Library of Virginia contacts, at least annually, every state agency, commission and board to inquire about their publications during that year, and to ensure that the Library of Virginia has received copies of their digital publications for preservation and access at the Library or paper copies for distribution to designated state publications depository libraries around the state. The Library also requests a list of publications currently available to the public.

State agencies have deposited 2,465 digital state publications in the Library's publicly accessible repository this year. This represents a 26 per cent increase over 2014-2015. As of this writing, a number of agencies have not yet responded to our request for publications.

The following agencies did not provide any information to us this year:

Office of the Attorney General
Board of Bar Examiners (their website also doesn't work)
Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired
Danville Community College
Department of Elections
Department of Emergency Management
Department of Fire Programs
Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia
Germanna Community College
Gunston Hall Plantation
Department of Historic Resources
Department of Housing and Community Development
Center for Innovative Technology
Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission
Virginia Lottery

Marine Products Board
Department of Medical Assistive Services
Virginia Outdoors Foundation
Rappahannock Community College
Southside Virginia Community College
Department of Veterans Services
Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind
Virginia State University
Virginia War Memorial Foundation

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a report of progress to date.