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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Ralph S. Northam

Governor of Virginia

The Honorable Janet D. Howell Chair, Senate Finance Committee

The Honorable Luke E. Torian

Chair, House Appropriations Committee

The Honorable George L. Barker

Chair, Senate General Laws and Technology

The Honorable David L. Bulova Chair, House General Laws

cc: Frances C. Bradford

Deputy Secretary of Education

From: Sandra G. Treadway

Librarian of Virginia

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

2019-2020

Ladies and 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 1 November 2019 through 31 October 2020 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 positive with a net deposit of 1,069 documents that will be permanently available for the educational and research use of all Virginians.

ANNUAL REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE PUBLICATIONS DEPOSITORY ACT 2019-2020

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 2020.

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 1,069 digital state publications in the Library's publicly accessible repository since our last report. We are also pleased to report that the library will be moving the entire collection of digital state publications to a new repository system in FY2021 so that we can continue to preserve government publications and make them available long into the future.

As of this writing, most state agencies have complied with our request for publications. In addition, some agencies that had been out of compliance in the past are now depositing their publications.

Below are the agencies that have not yet responded:

Center for Innovative Technology
Department of Conservation and Recreation
Department of Education
Department of Fire Programs
Department of Labor and Industry
Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity

Department of Taxation
Department of Legislative Automated Systems
Gunston Hall
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Longwood University
Northern Virginia Community College
Supreme Court of Virginia
Tidewater Community College
Commission for the Arts
Virginia War Memorial
Virginia529

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