



June 21, 2023

Ms. Jen Kirk, Chair
Depository Library Council
Merrill Cazier Library
Utah State University
3000 Old Main Hill
Logan, Utah 84322-3000

Dear Chair Kirk,

Thank you for the Depository Library Council's letter asking the Government Publishing Office (GPO) to provide guidance on potential conflicts between new State and local laws and the Legal Requirements and Program Regulations for the Federal Depository Library Program (LRPR) regarding access to Government information.

I instructed the Superintendent of Documents to carefully monitor changes in State laws and to provide individualized guidance to coordinators who may encounter conflicting rules. While GPO cannot provide blanket guidance, be assured that we will be flexible and accommodate local requirements based on library type and local laws.

Any depository library that is required or asked to destroy or withhold a specific document, should immediately notify GPO so that, if necessary, we can take timely, preventative action to ensure we are able to fulfil our mission. Depository coordinators should contact Federal Depository Support Services via askGPO at ask.gpo.gov to discuss the issue. GPO staff will advise on appropriate ways to comply with State or local laws and LRPR to greatest extent possible and will record those accommodations in the library's official file.

Thank you for raising this concern. We look forward to working with Council and the Federal Depositories to continue our effort toward an *America Informed* by providing access to Government information.

Sincerely,



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cc: Superintendent of Documents