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## Board of Directors Action Form

To: ACRL Board of Directors

Subject: ACRL Legislative Agenda 2022

Submitted by: Erik Nordberg, Chair, ACRL Government Relations Committee

Date submitted: 5/17/2022

### Background

ACRL's Legislative Agenda provides information meant to guide legislative advocacy at the national level—specifically focusing on policy issues of concern to academic and research librarians. This year, the work of the Government Relations Committee (GRC) responded to the inconsistencies in federal legislative action due to divisive political wrangling in Washington, DC.

The proposed *ACRL Legislative Agenda 2022* provides information on a variety of issues the U.S. Congress has taken action on recently, but for which satisfactory policy solutions have yet to be reached. The body of the document includes issues for which action is likely for the year ahead. Please note, there are several issues for which the GRC recommends ACRL develop an official position and/or public-facing advocacy statement. Several issues of concern lack pending legislation but are included so that ACRL may be aware of their importance to academic libraries. ACRL is active in advocating for policy and legislation through the ALA Washington Office, as well as through coalition work with groups such as the Open Access Working Group and the Library Copyright Alliance (LCA).

### Stakeholders

The committee contacted, by email and through the ALA Connect forum, the ACRL Committee Chairs, ACRL Leaders, other ACRL committees, and individual members of ACRL and ALA. From this input, the GRC updated priorities from past cycles and incorporated new items including net neutrality, public access to federally funded research, and federal funding for libraries. In developing this year's Legislative Agenda and Watch List, the ALA Public Policy and Advocacy Office was a valuable source of information. Our staff liaison, Kara Malenfant, was invaluable throughout the entire process and staff from ALA's Public Policy and Advocacy office in Washington, D.C. reviewed preliminary drafts of the Legislative Agenda and provided helpful feedback and suggestions for improvement.

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## Fiscal and Staffing Impact

If approved, staff will add the *ACRL Legislative Agenda 2022* to the ACRL website and promote it through ACRL marketing channels.

## Action Recommended

That the ACRL Board of Directors approves the *ACRL Legislative Agenda 2022* before it concludes the current year's business.

## Strategic Goal Area Supported

Please see the [ACRL Strategic Plan](#), and select from the drop-down the goal area that will be affected most by this action.

Value of Academic Libraries

Goal: Academic libraries demonstrate alignment with and impact on institutional outcomes.

Student Learning

Goal: Advance innovative practices and environments that transform student learning.

Research and Scholarly Environment

Goal: Librarians accelerate the transition to more open and equitable systems of scholarship.

New Roles and Changing Landscapes

Goal: Academic and research library workforce effectively navigates change in higher education environments.

Enabling Programs and Services

ACRL programs, services, and publications that target education, advocacy, and member engagement.