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South Carolina Library Association  
ATTN: Melanie Huggins  
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July 20, 2023

Dear Ms. Melanie Huggins,

I am writing on behalf of the South Carolina Freedom Caucus to express our concerns with SCLA's membership in the American Library Association.

Specifically, we are troubled by the recent election of Emily Drabinski as President of the ALA and her proposed vision for the organization moving forward.

Ms. Drabinski is a self-proclaimed Marxist whose ideology does not reflect the values of citizens across the Palmetto State.

In recent interviews, Ms. Drabinski expressed her desire to "queer the library catalog" and expose children to the "radical library catalog" of transgenderism, prostitution, masturbation, erotica, and other topics best reserved for adults.

Furthermore, in her bid for ALA president, Mrs. Drabinski advocated for an ALA whose "public statements will be on labor's side, that will be socialist in tone."

Ms. Drabinski's election signals the ALA's vision for the future – promoting books and ideologies that are increasingly radical. In turn, our libraries are moving further away from safe environments where children can enjoy age-appropriate materials and are, instead, moving more toward publicly-funded indoctrination centers displaying and promoting objectionable content.

With parents facing ongoing issues regarding Un-American and inappropriate materials being foisted on their children through both school libraries and public libraries, Mrs. Drabinski's election is disturbing for the citizens we serve. Given the process used to supply reading material to

libraries who are members of ALA, it seems inevitable that more books targeting children with pornographic or corrupting subject matters will continue to enter into our libraries.

For these reasons, we ask that you immediately suspend your membership in the American Library Association. Our children deserve to learn in environments free from both indoctrination and clearly inappropriate materials. Leadership in any organization matters, and Mrs. Drabinski's leadership will not put the Palmetto State's libraries on a path to success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "April Cromer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "April" and last name "Cromer" clearly distinguishable.

April Cromer  
SC House of Representatives  
District 6, Anderson County