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James Moore
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Dear Minister Moore:

The American Library Association (ALA) has over 1,100 members in Canada, and accredits seven master's and doctoral level programs in library and information science in Canada.

On behalf of ALA, I strongly support the request by the Canadian Library Association (CLA) that the Library and Archives of Canada (LAC) revisit its *Code of Conduct* order.

The current LAC *Code of Conduct: Values and Ethics* does not strike the needed balance with intellectual freedom. The *Code* restricts unnecessarily the ability of librarians and information professionals to perform key aspects of their work, namely, teaching and speaking at conferences and other public engagements.

This is not only a grave detriment to knowledge and intellectual activity in Canada, but to the library and information profession community around the world.

Therefore, the American Library Association urges Library and Archives Canada to review its current *Code of Conduct*, and to continue to encourage its employees to share their professional experience and professional expertise in Canada and around the globe.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Dr. Daniel Caron, Librarian and Archivist of Canada
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