

## To Those With the Responsibility to Act,

The American Library Association (ALA) has become an organization that is undermining our country's Constitutional rights and attacking its moral foundation, especially under its current leadership. The ALA's deliberate hostility towards religious Americans and its obsession with the promotion of gender ideology to children are especially concerning because of its de facto status as the umbrella organization that controls programming and organizational support for state, local, and religious library associations across the country.

We cannot stand idly by as our own tax dollars are used to intimidate millions of Americans, trample their parental rights, and control their access to information. On behalf of the millions of Americans that our groups represent, we call on the state and religious affiliates of the ALA to sever their relationships with this problematic organization. We further call on state legislatures to ensure that no taxpayer dollars can be used by these associations or by state and local libraries to support the ALA in any way. Additionally, state executives must scrutinize ALA's practices to see if the civil rights of their citizens have been violated and Congress must cease funding eligibility for the ALA.

Most Americans love their local libraries and their local librarians. Libraries are true community hubs for learning, research, and fellowship. The ALA's radical agenda – advanced by its self-professed Marxist president - strains the community-centered missions of these local libraries. The facilitation of drag queen story hours, promotion of sexual content and gender ideology targeted to children, and codification of the leftist social control mechanisms of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) and Critical Race Theory (CRT) are core missions for the ALA. They are not core concerns for average library users and their families who expect to be able to read, learn, research, and work without being forced to contend with ALA's political agenda.

Even more troubling is that the ALA staff are not merely operating as free speech essentialists—they are on record actively tutoring librarians on how to combat the presence of religiously-affiliated organizations and to prevent them from using local library spaces and resources. Appallingly, state and local libraries are literally paying for the privilege of this political domination by the ALA. State and local library associations use dollars from taxpayer-funded grants that are disbursed through states to pay dues and conference attendance fees to the ALA. Library associations with religious affiliations are using their donors' and co-religionists' money for the same indoctrination. All these associations should sever their ties with the ALA. State legislatures should ensure that no taxpayer dollars can be used by these associations to support ALA in any way. There is no risk to the federal funding of these state library associations and systems because as the ALA itself notes "the bulk of [Library Services and Technology Act] funds are distributed to each state through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) according to a population-based grant formula." The ALA would simply cease to be a motive force in programming decisions.

State executives, such as State Attorneys General, also have a role to play in examining the activities of the ALA. The allegations of coordinated attacks on religiously-affiliated organizations raise fundamental questions about violations of the First Amendment. Additionally, the ALA's ceaseless promotion of obscene materials targeted at children could run afoul of numerous state and federal laws that protect against the proliferation of harmful

materials to minors. Congress has a responsibility through the appropriations process to ensure that the ALA, given its legally questionable and morally harmful recent track record, is not eligible to receive federal funding or support.

Our libraries are local treasures. We will not let them be overrun and held hostage by a radical organization acting well outside what its core mission should be. The United States of America must move on from the American Library Association as currently constituted and state and local library associations and the government entities that support them must lead the way.

Andy Roth  
President  
State Freedom Caucus Network

Tom Jones  
President  
American Accountability Foundation

Wade Miller  
Executive Director  
Citizens for Renewing America

Saurabh Sharma  
President  
American Moment

Terry Schilling  
President  
American Principles Project

Rick Manning  
President  
Americans for Limited Government

Jon Schweppe  
Policy Director  
American Principles Project

Paul Teller  
Executive Director  
Advancing American Freedom

The Honorable George K. Rasley Jr.  
Managing Editor  
ConservativeHQ.com

Bob Carlstrom  
President  
Amac Action

Kristen Ullman  
President  
Eagle Forum

Ron Armstrong  
President  
Stand Up Michigan

Penny Nance  
CEO and President  
Concerned Women for America LAC

Jenny Beth Martin  
Honorary Chairman  
Tea Party Patriots Action

*All organizations listed for identification purposes only.*