



Members, United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

July 8, 2016

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the more than 80 institutional members of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Library Alliance (list attached), I am writing today to urge your support for the Senate's immediate consideration and confirmation of Dr. Carla Hayden to serve as the nation's next Librarian of Congress. We ask specifically that such action be taken before Congress recesses for its extended summer break.

With a doctorate in Library Science from the University of Chicago, years of experience teaching at the university level and decades at the helm of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, we believe Dr. Hayden's qualifications to serve as Librarian of Congress are unimpeachable, fully consistent with the history of the position and uniquely suited to the pressing modern needs of this preeminent and treasured institution. We note that our views are shared by: trade associations representing many of the nation's most significant technology companies and entertainment interests; scores of colleges, universities and academic libraries; national advocacy organizations of every political orientation; and the library associations of literally every state and the District of Columbia.

Further, we expressly reject – and urge you to do the same – the frankly insulting public suggestion that Dr. Hayden owes her nomination to “political correctness.” Her record of accomplishment -- academic, professional and social -- speaks for itself and the HBCU Library Alliance is pleased and proud to speak for her.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this extraordinary nominee who will well serve the nation and the Library of Congress at this watershed moment in its history.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sandra M. Phoenix'.

Sandra Phoenix, Executive Director

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