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The Honorable James Comer
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2410 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rand Paul
Chairman, Senate Committee on Homeland
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The Honorable Gerry Connolly
Ranking Member, House Committee on Oversight
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2265 Rayburn House Office Building
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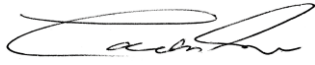
The Honorable Gary Peters
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Homeland
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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ms. Wiles, Chairman Comer, Chairman Paul, Ranking Member Connolly, and Ranking Member Peters:

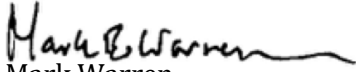
On behalf of the American Political Science Association (APSA), we express deep concern regarding the removal of Dr. Colleen Shogan from her position as the Archivist of the United States at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). According to [federal law](#), the “Archivist shall be appointed without regard to political affiliations and solely on the basis of the professional qualifications required to perform the duties and responsibilities of the office of the Archivist,” with the law also requiring the “President shall communicate the reasons for any such removal to each House of the Congress.” To date, no reason has been communicated by the White House to Congress for Dr. Shogan’s removal from her post. Dr. Shogan was appointed to the role with a wealth of relevant experience as a former political science professor at George Mason University, former Deputy Director at the Congressional Research Service, and as a former Director of the Rubenstein Center for White House History at the White House Historical Association. Furthermore, Dr. Shogan consistently performed her duties in a nonpartisan fashion throughout her tenure at NARA.

Dr. Shogan’s sudden and as yet unjustified removal is a troubling sign for the integrity of the National Archives and Records Administration. We call on the White House to comply with federal law by issuing justification to Congress for this action, and we further call upon Congress to investigate this dismissal through their powers of oversight. The National Archives and Records Administration is an institution of critical importance to democracy, the function of our government and the preservation of history. APSA calls on the White House and Congress to protect and reaffirm the integrity of the agency.

Sincerely,



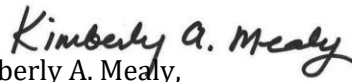
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