ALA RESPONDS TO WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT ON IMLS

Dear Members,

The White House announced late Friday its intentions to gut IMLS. In response, ALA <u>posted a statement</u> this morning, approved by the Executive Board.

This is a time for unity. As a community of library and information professionals, we must face these threats by showing up together — library workers, friends, trustees, and public supporters — to advocate for our patrons, our profession, and our core values.

The existential threats we're facing now call us to draw on our greatest power: library stories that touch hearts and change minds, especially for decision-makers. We ask you to call members of Congress to tell those powerful stories that show the true importance of our libraries.

Thank you for your support.

President Cindy Hohl