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House Committee on Appropriations

Opening Statement – Government Publishing Office FY2019 Budget April 12 – 10:00 a.m.

Today I would like to welcome the Government Publishing Office.

Testifying before us we have Andrew Sherman, Acting Deputy Director, accompanying him are Herbert Jackson, Chief Administrative Officer and Lyle Green, Managing Director of Official Journals of Government.

GPO has not been up to testify in recent years, I felt it was important to hear from them directly regarding their fiscal year 2019 budget request.

The Government Publishing Office has the important mission of *Keeping America Informed*. GPO does that by providing permanent public access to Federal government information at no charge to the public through its Federal Depository Library Program which partners with over 1,140 libraries nation-wide and **govinfo**; they produce and distribute products and services for all three branches of the Federal Government including U.S. Passports, and official publications of Congress and the White House; and operates distribution centers to fulfill orders for Government publications.

The fiscal year 2019 budget request is \$117,000,000, which is \$68,000 below current year levels. GPO's appropriations have been flat since fiscal year 2016 and have declined by 21% since fiscal year 2010. We often hear the cliché "*we have to do more with less*" but GPO has been a true example of doing just that. Their continued transition to digital technologies and products has increased productivity while also maintaining tight financial controls on overhead costs coupled with a buyout for employees in fiscal year 2015 has made it possible for GPO's lower funding requests.

Mr. Sherman, your complete statement will be made part of the record, feel free to summarize your remarks at this time.

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