



## **Chairman Kevin Yoder**

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*Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch  
House Committee on Appropriations*

**Opening Statement (as prepared)  
FY2019 Budget Request - Library of Congress  
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I would like to welcome the Librarian of Congress, Dr. Carla Hayden and Acting Deputy Librarian Mark Sweeney here today.

The Library of Congress's adjusted fiscal year 2019 budget request is \$706 million dollars, an increase of \$36.2 million above currently enacted levels. This requested increase would go towards mandatory pay and price level increases; information technology system enhancements; increased staffing to enhance the library's bandwidth in the areas of collection management, analytical capacity at CRS, and reducing the recordation backlog at the Copyright office; as well as continued funding for the Visitor Experience project at the Thomas Jefferson Building.

The Copyright Office request is \$93.4 million, this Subcommittee still feels strongly that modernization of the Copyright Office is a very important initiative that we continue to support and look forward to seeing the benefits of.

The Congressional Research Service request is \$125.6 million. We thank CRS for its work on ensuring all non-confidential CRS reports will soon become available to the public and asks CRS to keep the committee informed on the progress leading up to implementation.

Finally, the Books for the Blind and Physically Handicapped request is \$52.7 million. Relocating NLS's headquarters to a location in close proximity to the Capitol Campus continues to be a priority of this committee and I am committed to helping make their relocation a reality.

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