

December 10, 2018

The Honorable Donald J. Trump President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW Washington, DC 20500

Re: H.R. 5238 – To designate the Major Robert Odell Owens Post Office – SUPPORT

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the American Library Association (ALA), I write to respectfully request that you sign H.R. 5238, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1234 Saint Johns Place in Brooklyn, New York, as the "Major Robert Odell Owens Post Office."

We are pleased that this legislation to honor the late Congressman Owens has garnered bipartisan sponsorship and unanimous support in the House and Senate. We are proud that Major Owens' distinguished career in public service began in librarianship. He embodied the spirit of America's libraries that seek always to serve their communities through education and access to information. We have previously recognized his contributions by conferring on him honorary membership in the American Library Association.

We believe that this designation would be a fitting tribute to Major Owens' legacy of leadership and therefore we respectfully request that you sign H.R. 5238. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathi Kromer Associate Executive Director American Library Association

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